

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

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Meeting Summary Monday, January 4, 2010

Members

Doug Vanderlaan, Chair	Ruth Arnold, 2 nd Mile
Yvonne Lane, Bridge the Gap	Louvenia Tippins, Dist. 8 Rep./Charter
Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A./Charter	Deloris & Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard
Ashley Strickland, MaliVai Washington Kids	Greg Radlinski, The Parks at the Cathedral
Pat LaMountain, Springfield Women's Club	

Excused

Rex Williams, Milton Locklear, Janice Love, Beverly Toney

Guests

Shareef Haleem, Eastside Neighborhood Assn.	Michelle Tappouni
Levoyus Partlow, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.	Dani Brinkman, 2 nd Mile
Marc Nettleton, 2 nd Mile	Tanya Guydos, Florida Bank
Reylius Thompson, Mt. Herman Assn.	Greg Bruce, The Hester Group
Tom Majdanics, KIPP	Joanne Kazmierski, JAXPORT

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison	JSO Zone 1 A/C Chris Butler
Emery Nauden, Planning	Shorty Robbins, DRCS
Devron Cody, Municipal Code	Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

Call to Order

Chairperson Vanderlaan called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street and welcomed everyone.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Greg Radlinski made a Motion to accept the minutes from the November 2, 2009 meeting. A second was made by Member Arnold. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Chris Butler was introduced by Chairman Vanderlaan as the new Assistant Chief for Zone 1. Assistant Chief Butler talked about working in Zone 1 before and was excited to be back. The Gateway Office is located at 5258 Norwood Ave. The official crime stats for 2009 have not been released. In the last 30 days Zone 1 issues have been robberies to individuals and auto burglaries. Please do not leave any valuables in your car and take measures to secure your valuables. He stated that the FBI reported that the biggest crime reduction and the safest large city is New York. 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

Mayor's Office - Project New Ground – Hester Group Consultant Greg Bruce reported on the following:

- The ash remediation clean up will begin at Brown's Dump at the end of the month at Bessie Circle. In February the clean up will begin at 5th and Cleveland. In March at the Forest Street site and in April at Lonnie Miller Park.
- The Community Outreach center is open at 1605 N. Myrtle Ave and the phone number is 357-8077 for questions on Project New Ground.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Milton Locklear was excused but members had a question on when is the expected date of completion for the overpass at US 1 is and 45th Street? Milton Locklear replied with the following: US 1 RR Overpass / New Kings Rd South of 45th Street (25th Street): Project is 69% complete. The contractor is working on the lime rock base, approach slabs and bridge superstructure. Tentative completion is in the fall of 2010. Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

Planning and Development – Emery Nauden had no report but members wanted a follow up on a zoning change on 3rd and Davis Street that came before the CPAC from Ability Housing a few months ago. What has happened with that? Planner Nauden followed up with the following via e-mail and believes this to be the item (PUD 2009-29) <http://citycirc.coj.net/coj/COJBillList.asp?Bill=2009-0029>
The PUD 2009-29 which was enacted on April 28, 2009 was amended to include the recommendation of Development Services which was attached to his reply e-mail which was sent to members. The rezoning is being sought for the purpose of developing affordable transitional housing (48 units) for homeless individuals and families, as well as associated office space and facilities in order to provide on-site services to low-income residents. The housing development would provide for urban infill redevelopment and also contribute to the revitalization of the Hogan's Creek neighborhood, a targeted neighborhood in the City of Jacksonville Housing and Neighborhoods Department neighborhood stabilization plan. It is anticipated that Ability Housing will receive federal, state and local funding for the construction and operation of this development. The facility will not be a residential treatment facility and no drug and/or alcohol rehabilitation services will be provided at the facility. The proposed development will be a coordinated scheme of development having consistent architectural character that is also complimentary to the neighborhood. Planner Nauden can be reached at 630-0258 or enauden@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance – Zone 1 Senior Officer Devron Cody reported on the following:

- Zone 1 received 2 more inspectors that were reassigned to Zone 1
- There are working on 2500 active cases
- Durkeeville and West Mid-West are currently under going a systematic inspection
- Municipal Code Officers now have to enforce the sign ordinance
- There is a new private contractor for mowing in Zone 1 and they are working hard to get caught up.

Members had questions on the following:

Does Code enforce businesses like they do housing? Yes, they enforce all properties.

Do the systematic inspections do all properties and site them as well. Yes.

Senior Officer Cody can be reached at 255-7000. Supervisor Lancaster can be reached at 255-7007. Property Safety can be reached at 255-7000 or psafety@coj.net

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

- The new Winter-Spring 2010 program guide came out today. It lists upcoming events and activities for the Winter-Spring.
- Currently they are renovating two gyms: one at Emmett Reed and the other at the Kennedy Center. They will be doing a deep cleaning and painting. This is being funded by the Jacksonville Journey.

- At the end of January the "Road to Olustee Reenactment" will take place. It is free to enjoy. This will be held at Camp Milton on Halsema Rd. N. www.campmilton.com
- There will be an MLK Day Dance at the M. L. Gibbs Center on Friday, Jan. 15 at 6 p.m.
- The Intramural sports teams are temporarily suspended due to the very cold weather. They do not play in temperatures of 40 degrees or lower. There are over 200 kids registered and playing basketball.
- A sign has been approved for Confederate Park that says "Do not feed the ducks." They are also pressure washing it once a month.

Members had questions on the following:

- There continues to be a lot of loitering at the Kennedy Center. Are there advancements on security? Yes.
- The S-line is a very nice resource for biking. It has been looking better. The S-line is a 10-mile loop in the Urban Core that was once a place for train tracks. Shorty reported that user groups are helping to keep it clean and report things that are happening. Chairman Vanderlaan requested that Shorty please bring maps of the S-line to the next meeting.
- Members suggested that the Parks Department move some of the ducks and nests to ease the problem at Confederate Park. If the feeding stops the population will lessen.
- Members wanted to know about renovations for Emmett Reed Center. Since they are in the Project New Ground area they were not allowed to dig in the ground. They have not had any requests for changes at Emmett Reed.
- What is happening with the Joe James Center? The RFP is still out and you can check with Procurement in the Ed Ball Building on the 8th Floor.

Shorty Robbins can be reached at 630-3570 or shortyr@coj.net

Department of Health – Jocelyn Turner was not present. Jocelyn Turner can be reached at 253-2037 or Jocelyn_Turner@doh.state.fl.us

HAND – Community Development Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following: **Housing and Neighborhoods Department:**

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2010-2011 Timeline: Public Hearings - Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010 – 6 p.m. Housing and Neighborhoods Department, 214 N. Hogan St., Suite 800, 32202 and Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010 – 6 p.m. Community Rehabilitation Center (CRC), 623 Beechwood St. 32206
- **Technical Assistance Workshops** - **No applications will be accepted from agencies that have not attended a technical assistance workshop** ~ Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010 – 6 p.m., Housing and Neighborhoods Department, 214 N. Hogan St., Suite 800, 32202 ~ Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010 – 6 p.m., Community Rehabilitation Center (CRC), 623 Beechwood St. 32206 ~ Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010 – 6 p.m., Housing and Neighborhoods Department, 214 N. Hogan St., Suite 800
- **Budget Workshop – New Agencies Only** - Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010 – 4 p.m., Housing and Neighborhoods Department, 214 N. Hogan St., Suite 800 32202. For information on the 2010-2011 application please call 255-8241 or cdd@coj.net
- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department sponsors free Foreclosures Prevention workshops. To register, call 630-CITY (2489). The website Stay Home: Jacksonville Foreclosure Prevention is *designed as a resource to help connect you with the appropriate agencies for assistance. The City of Jacksonville does not directly provide counseling or legal assistance but will help put you in touch with someone who can help with your mortgage situation.*
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/default.htm>
- The Neighborhood Stabilization (NSP) Program, authorized by the [Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 \(HERA\)](#), will assist state and local governments in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed properties and increase the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households. For information on Jacksonville's economic stimulus efforts, please send an e-mail to stimulus@coj.net or 630-CITY

Project New Ground is eager to answer your questions. Please contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY. The Project New Ground information center is now open. It is located in the Oaks of Durkeeville Plaza at 1605-8 Myrtle Avenue. Outreach specialists are available to talk with residents about the cleanup and impacts to their neighborhoods. Hours of center operation are Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Residents also have the opportunity to discuss the cleanup plan for their property, view a video demonstration of the cleanup process and review maps of the PNG areas. Additionally, the information center offers a community meeting space and document library. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the information center at (904) 357-8077.

Jobs - Project New Ground contractors are hiring ground crews and skilled laborers. Some of these opportunities include:

Environmental Technicians/Ground Crew and Heavy Equipment Operators/Skilled Laborers

Job responsibilities include:

Digging ground /soil with shovels and removing the old soil in tight areas

Replacing old soil with new soil by using shovels

Working on landscaping such as replacing and/or watering new grass and plants

Clean up for each property such as sweeping streets and watering roads

Driving equipment such as skid-steer, excavator, bulldozer, etc.

WorkSource manages the employment process. Those interested in employment opportunities should contact Jerry Box at (904) 798-9229 ext. 2204 or JBox@worksourcefl.com.

If you have any specific questions about how ash on your property may affect your health, please contact the Duval County Health Department at (904) 253-1000. You may also visit the Web site, <http://www.dchd.net> for more info go to: <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Project+New+Ground/About.htm>

Jacksonville Journey: The next Journey meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 4 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor, 32202. During the month of November they continued to move forward in implementing the *Jacksonville Journey* program. The progress includes (1) The oversight committee held its monthly meeting (2) Out of School Suspension program is reviewed, new contract 1/1/10 (3) Early Literacy program has evaluation results and (4) Ex-Offender programs. For information call Tina Rehmel 630-1273 or <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey>.

Parks - The Road to Olustee on Friday, January 29, 2010 through Sunday, January 31, 2010 Vary each day Camp Milton Historical Preserve, 1175 Halsema Road, Jacksonville 32221. Join historical re-enactors as they retrace the road to Olustee. Scripted scenarios will provide first person interpretation of activities and lifestyles in Jacksonville around February 1864. The event is free for all spectators. Contact: Shorty Robbins: shortyr@coj.net Diane Gleason: bzquilt@aol.com Mike Meek: rolfvonsmiker@comcast.net or <http://www.campmilton.com/events.htm>

Schools - Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.org REPORT A TRUANT by calling 390-2093 or making an online report at <http://www.duvalschools.org> and for other info "Save Duval Schools" - www.saveduvalschools.org
Seniors - Legislative Forum on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 10 a.m., Main Library. 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. [RSVP by calling 630-3690](http://www.saveduvalschools.org).

New Animal Care and Protective Services 40,000 square-foot shelter is now open at 2020 Forest St. to adopt animals.

Library - To learn about classes and events at the library please visit www.jpl.coj.net or www.coj.net

Save the Date: Much Ado About Books - The Book Festival highlights will include complimentary panel discussions with featured authors and a Children's Chapter, sponsored by Target. Children's Chapter events take place in the Children's Library and the Betsy Lovett Courtyard at the Main Library. Guests will meet children's authors and experience hands-on activities. The Children's Chapter will take place from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010 at the Jacksonville Main Library - 630-2665

Upcoming Event - Strategies for Safe and Sustainable Communities Symposium - Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at The FSU Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola Street, Tallahassee, FL 32306. **Keynote Speaker:** Attorney General Bill McCollum and Special Guest: Senator Victor D. Crist, R-Florida, District 12 **Registration:** Advance online registration required at <http://symposium.uacdconline.org> Seating is limited for this FREE event. **Description:** The full day event details strategies implemented in a pilot program supported by the Florida Office of the Attorney General focused on a community building process that lays the foundation for transforming high crime communities into safe and sustainable neighborhoods. The symposium educates attendees on the process of engaging the resources of residents, businesses, community organizations, government agencies and educational institutions to promote the development of a safer environment. **Who Should Attend:** Elected local government officials, Neighborhood associations and advocacy groups, Law enforcement agents and Community stakeholders including faith-based organizations **Benefits of Attending:** Learn how to create a vision for change through a coordinated community effort, hear about workable steps that help transform a community using the strategies implemented during the pilot program and understand that strategic efforts are most effective when residents, diverse cultural groups, leaders, businesses and key stakeholders mobilize to create positive change.

Downtown Events - For a listing of events happening in downtown Jacksonville go to [Downtown Vision, Inc.](http://www.downtownvisioninc.com) <http://www.downtownjacksonville.org> and area kiosks, the [Visit Jacksonville](http://www.visitjacksonville.com) office and welcome centers along with various downtown hotels, restaurants and businesses. Also, visit www.experiencejax.com for your one-stop resource for events throughout Jacksonville. First Wednesday Art Walk - January 6, 2010

Nominations Sought for 2010 Women's History Month Poster - The Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women is seeking nominations for honorees for the 2010 Women's History Month Poster. Deadline is Feb. 5. For more information go to the following link:

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Advisory+Boards+and+Commissions/Commission+on+the+Status+of+Women/Womens+History+Month.htm>

Riverside Arts Market - Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville. Shop locally for your fruits and vegetables! RAM will reopen with artists and entertainment on Saturday, March 6, 2010.

Department of Health: H1N1 Swine Flu Preparedness - For public health information and updates on H1N1 Swine flu call 877-352-3581 from 8 am to 8 pm, 7 days a week. Information is available in English, Spanish and Creole. As of Oct. 20 a total of 12 laboratory confirmed H1N1 Swine Flu deaths have been reported in Duval County. While most cases of H1N1 Swine Flu are mild, there are exceptions. Pre-existing health conditions often play a role in how individuals react to the flu. To-date, there have been 121 laboratory confirmed H1N1 Swine Flu deaths in Florida. For more information visit www.myflusafety.com

Phone Numbers – City Link - where to go when you need to know 630-CITY (630-2489) www.coj.net

*Please have the exact address and get a tracking number to follow up on the issue.

- ShAdCo (Sheriff's Advisory Council) Zone 1 call 924-5361 at Gateway Shopping Center
- 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
- JTA – For customer service call 630-3100 or www.jtafla.com
- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall, 117 W. Duval St. [32201] For info 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
- Duval Extension Office is located at 1010 N. McDuff Ave or for more info call 387-8850
- **JOBS – WorkSource** Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. For info call 924-1710 or www.employflorida.com or www.worksourcefl.com or 356-JOBS (5627)

Chairperson's Report

- Chairperson Vanderlaan welcomed new CPAC member Greg Radlinski representing The Parks at the Cathedral and taking Mike Hartman's place. He is a retired City of Jacksonville Attorney that will be helpful to the CPAC to keep us on the straight and narrow.

2010 UC CPAC Goal Setting

- Chairperson Vanderlaan presented a PowerPoint on Goal Setting for the 2010 UC CPAC. This was not a speech but a discussion on what the group would like to work on for 2010. He started the off with a very large map having members place a dot at the location of their neighborhood. This way a member could visually see where everyone was from. The map showed that certain neighborhoods were missing. These were the neighborhoods that the membership committee needed to focus on. Businesses also needed to be invited to join.
- The current boundaries for the Urban Core CPAC are:
North: Moncrief Creek to Golfair Blvd. to Pearl to CSX RR to Winona Dr., to Evergreen to Long Branch Rd. to St. Johns River.
South: I-95 to Bee Street to St. Johns River
East: St. Johns River
West: Margaret Ave. to I-10 to I-95 to Myrtle Ave. to King Rd., to Spires St. to 13th to Fairfax to CSX RR to Spires to Moncrief Creek to Golfair Blvd. to Pearl to CSX RR to Winona Dr., to Evergreen to Long Branch Rd. to St. Johns River.
After looking at the map members expressed concern that the UC CCPAC boundaries needed to be expanded but to have easy boundaries like JSO. They would like to ask the Planning Department to change Planning District 1 boundaries. This has been discussed in the Urban Core Visioning Plan meetings. For example RAP (Riverside Avondale Preservation) is in 3 Planning Districts: UC, SW and NW.
- Chairperson Vanderlaan would like to adhere to the mission of the CPACs: The primary purpose of the CPACs is to maintain open and effective communication between Jacksonville residents, businesses, neighborhoods, community organizations, educational institutions and city government. The name "Citizens Planning Advisory Committee" implies just that – we need to be doing more planning and advising to the Mayor. The CPAC members bring the information the City of Jacksonville wants the residents to know about but we are not doing the advising. We don't say what the needs and issues are. The information needs to go both ways. Long time members remarked on the decline of the membership and all the information that comes down from the City. Members hope that the Mayor's Office will not continue to create duplicate layers of committees on planning and special projects without CPAC members. The CPACs are in place for him to utilize. If people want to be part of the process they could become CPAC members by joining the CPACs. To some extent the CPACs need to be held accountable by making recommendations and doing the homework to give good advice.

- Chairperson Vanderlaan asked members to select 3 items to work on for 2010. He would like to work on something that the UC CPAC can do something about and a topic under the Mayor's Office. He presented a list of topics that have come up at last year's CPAC meetings. The following is the list and members comments are below the topic:
 - Philip Randolph commercial development
 - The A. Philip Randolph corridor and the Eastside have different levels of commercial development along with vacant and abandoned houses. The zoning would have to be in place like the historic district in Springfield.
 - Vacant/abandoned houses and commercial buildings
 - This is a big problem for the city with mowing and the cleaning up of these properties. Vacant commercial properties are also a problem everywhere.
 - Light rail/Rapid bus transit
 - The discussion of light rail has been going on for years. JTA was not on board years ago. The CPAC needs to let JTA and the NEFTPO know the CPACs position on this issue.
 - Environmental cleanup
 - Member Hartman worked hard on the UC CPACs behalf on this issue.
 - Infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, drainage)
 - This is what the city does. Is this an issue that we can do something about? Springfield needs to be paved better. Do all the residents in the UC have city water and sewer? Or is this an issue of maintenance on infrastructure? Why should our streets lack maintenance and a positive general appearance? The UC is the gateway to downtown and if trash is blowing in the wind and sidewalks need to be cleared off to walk on then we need to report all these areas. Is this what we want our city to look like?
 - Schools
 - Schools in the UC are not as bad as one might think with the exception of Andrew Jackson High School with a school grade of F. Since the school board is not under the Mayor and is appointed we may need to come up with an alternative idea to move forward with this topic. Why isn't the school board more involved?
 - Taxes/budget
 - There are real money shortfalls and will the UC bear the brunt of the cuts? This is not an exciting topic but it is important.
 - Small gambling casinos
 - The UC CPAC discussed this issue last year but there was not one in the UC at that time. There is one now at the Springfield Lions Club.
 - Home weatherization
 - This is a timely concern since the Feds have money for this type of program with the Stimulus dollars. The problem may be how to get the information to the citizens.
 - Downtown development
 - The UC CPAC membership has a weak connection to downtown development. A suggestion was made for the UC CPAC to become involved with businesses located in the UC and contacting Downtown Vision.

Members added the following to the list that Chairperson Vanderlaan presented:

- Zoning and Planning
- UC CPAC Boundaries
 - The Planning Department may be preparing to enlarge or reduce the Urban Core Planning District #1 but this has not been communicated with the CPAC.
- Homelessness and panhandling

Chairperson Vanderlaan would like to study (1-2 meetings) a topic, draft policy recommendations and communicate to the Mayor's Office, City Council or relevant department or committee then follow up. If no action is taken then ask why not? A suggestion

was made to go further once the issue is decided on and what specific area of focus will be studied. Members had concerns on the time frame of issues to be discussed. Chairperson Vanderlaan also expressed concern on the subcommittee process away from the UC CPAC meeting. It was suggested to make the subcommittees reflective of what we are and then decide how to organize and study the issue. It was also suggested that the UC CPAC may want to consider looking at projects that have certain dollars attached like the Jacksonville Journey. It was also mentioned that some city departments are very engaged and others are not as engaged. We all need to work together.

Member Radlinski made a Motion to have the topic of homelessness and panhandling for the goal to be studied. Member LaMountain made the second. Discussion ensued on the topic. The Vote: 2 In Favor; 7 opposed. Motion Fails.

Members then decided to have one vote per topic. *A Motion was made by Member Arnold to have members vote on one topic per member. A second was made by Member Swain. Discussion ensued. The Vote is as follows:*

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| ▪ A Philip Randolph Blvd. | 3 |
| ▪ Infrastructure | 1 |
| ▪ Schools | 1 |
| ▪ Zoning | 2 |
| ▪ Homelessness/Panhandling | 2 |

A Philip Randolph Blvd. will be the first goal to be studied by the UC CPAC for 2010 followed by Zoning and Homelessness/Panhandling.

Chairperson Vanderlaan appointed Members Toney, Love and Swain along with Shareef Haleem from The Eastside Neighborhood and Reylus Thompson from the Mt. Herman Associations be invited to the A. Philip Randolph Subcommittee meeting. Both hope to become CPAC members.

Chairperson Vanderlaan appointed Member Radlinski and LaMountain to the Homelessness/Panhandling Subcommittee.

Chairperson Vanderlaan asked Member Miller to continue serving as the UC CPAC Representative to the North East Florida TPO until another member can be appointed. Member Miller asked not to forget this appointment and the Chairperson asked her to remind him at future meetings.

A question was asked if the UC CPAC had ever reviewed the \$2.7 million upgrade to Laura Street. No, they had not reviewed it and some members didn't know anything about it.

Announcements

- Member LaMountain thanked Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer for sending out such good information via her e-mails. Representative Gibson sent an e-mail via Marilyn for a historic grant for \$50,000 which they have applied for. It looks very encouraging.
- Member Strickland told members about the Give a Day Get a Day from Disney. If you go to Disney's website (www.Disneyparks.com) under Give & Get, then put in your zip code and you will see opportunities to volunteer at the MaliVai Washington Kids Center. Fill out the e-mail and you will be contacted. You will be eligible to receive a free one day pass to Disney World.
- Chairperson Vanderlaan asked Member Strickland to prepare 3 minutes for next month's meeting to tell us about her organization. He will do this at every meeting so everyone can get to know each other better.

Public Comments

Tom Majdanics, Director of KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program), spoke on his new charter school that will open in August 2010 at 1440 McDuff Avenue at the former Greyhound Dog Track Building. They are in the process of renovating it. KIPP was founded 15 years ago and now has 82 schools in 19 states serving low income and underserved communities. They do have a longer school day from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with highly trained leaders and teachers. They will open with a class of 88 fifth grade students (24 students in a class) and hope with the CPACs support to help sign up students. Enrollment is open to all since it is a charter school through the Duval County Public Schools. Students will see results with the high expectations from everyone at KIPP. Meetings are public and once the building is renovated will invite the community to see what they are doing. Transportation will be available.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **Feb. 1, 2010**
at 5 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

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