

Urban Core ~ District 1
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
October 28, 2002
Cathedral Terrace Auditorium ~ 701 N. Ocean Street

MINUTES

Committee Members/Guests/Staff Present
Sign in sheets attached

Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The decision to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2002 meeting was unanimous.

Speakers

- **Lisa Rowe-Baer (City of Jacksonville)** – provided an update on the Better Jacksonville Plan. Gave information on project status of the Sports and Entertainment Arena, Sports Complex, Main Library, Courthouse Complex, Equestrian/Recreation Complex, roadway/infrastructure improvements, and street resurfacing/ sidewalks.
- **Al Battle, Managing Director (Downtown Development Corp)** – provided an update on development projects in the downtown area. Introduced the many elevations and plans for loft apartments and other housing in the “business” district. Discussed the Downtown Master Plan and the agency’s implementation strategy for improving residential living and business in the downtown area.
- **Sue Bisesi (City of Jacksonville)** – discussed the Jacksonville Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) program. The City won a grant that allows up to 75 citizens to receive training in Emergency Response Techniques for their community. Encouraged citizens to enroll in the training program that requires a commitment of 8 hours per month (4 training hours & 4 community service hours) Classes are held on Saturdays.
- **Councilman Matt Carlucci (2002 Mayoral Candidate)** – Made remarks regarding progress made in the Urban Core.
- **Ellen Ramsey (Jacksonville Housing Authority)** – made an unscheduled presentation on the Housing Authority’s intention to apply for a Hope VI Grant for the Brentwood public housing community. There are plans for total demolition of the 595 units that currently exist. Plans of revitalization include: 200 rental units, 100 elderly apartments, and 100 homes for purchase. JHA partnered with Habijax to offer the homes for purchase.

Reports

Building Code Enforcement

None at this time.

Mayor's Representative

None at this time.

Neighborhood Services Division

Karen Blutchter reported the success of the Mayor's Neighborhood Summit and announced the next Mayor's Town Hall Meeting for the Urban Core to be held on Monday, November 18, 2002.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Asst. Chief Johnson reported the success of the recent Sheriff's Clean-up Project held on Saturday, October 25, 2002 in East Jacksonville. Mentioned that 82 citizens, volunteers, JSO representatives along with the Sheriff and Councilwoman Pat Lockett-Felder covered a tremendous area and collected a great amount of trash and debris. The JSO continues to work in the Urban Core to create safer neighborhoods.

Jacksonville Fire & Rescue

The department recently relocated several members to Station 4 located on Duval and Jefferson Streets. Recently received funding to handle catastrophic situations. Continue to work to keep response times low.

Planning and Development Department – Ken Avery reported that two applications will go before the Review Committee:

- 1) Property located at 4th & Pearl Streets to be converted from a single family home to a duplex
- 2) University of Florida – Shand's Medical is proposing a Cancer Treatment Center on 8th Street.

Old Business

JoAnn Smith received the Mayor's Award for the Urban Core. The 29th & Chase community received the Neighborhood Award. The First Coast Black Business Investment Corporation received the Community Business Award. All of these awards were presented at the 2002 Mayor's Neighborhoods Summit.

New Business

The Chairman discussed the upcoming election for Urban Core CPAC officers. She appointed JoAnn Smith, Flossie Brunson, and Floree Johnson-McPherson to serve on the nominating committee for the 2003 officers. The committee was asked to meet and make a report at the November 25th meeting.

Additional Concerns/Issues

None at this time.

Special Guests

None at this time.

Announcements

None at this time.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Urban Core CPAC will be held at 5:00 P.M., Monday, November 25 2002 at the Cathedral Terrace Auditorium – 701 N. Ocean Street.