

Urban Core ~ District 1
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
November 25, 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 5:10 p.m. Members and guests were asked by the Chair to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

The decision to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2002 meeting was unanimous.

Speakers

- **Matt Thompson (Jacksonville Children's Commission)** – discussed the New Ways Grant Initiative for 2002-2003. Mentioned that \$25,000 in grant funds is available to be used for supplies and materials that are needed to offer services to children in Urban Core neighborhoods. All services provided must be related to children. There are three categories for projects and each has a specific funding limit. Applications are due no later than March 10, 2003. Answered questions from members and guests and distributed copies of the application.
- **Diane Ross (City of Jacksonville/Adopt-A-Road Program)** - presented and discussed the Adopt-A-Road Program offered through the City. The program enables businesses and non-profit organizations to adopt an area of "city-maintained" roadway for the purpose of removing litter. The program is administered through Clean It Up – Green It Up and allows for approximately one mile of roadway to be adopted. Distributed literature and answered questions and addressed concerns of the members and guests.

Reports

Building Code Enforcement

None at this time.

Mayor's Representative

Reported that the Main Street project is progressing. Discussed the Traffic Calming Program and responded to Dr. Norman's concern for speeding in the neighborhoods. Suggested that neighborhood organizations contact Fred Kyle of the City of Jacksonville

to enroll in the Traffic Calming Program. Answered other questions related to repair of sink holes and street drainage problems.

Neighborhood Services Division

Felicia Bridgewater mentioned that the CPAC membership renewal process is about begin and members should prepare to receive the forms via the mail and return them promptly upon completion.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Asst. Chief Ed Johnson announced that Sheriff Glover will conduct a walk in the Downtown area on December 10, 2002 at 1:00pm. Those interested in participating should call (904) 924-5361 for information.

Jacksonville Fire & Rescue

Chief Rhoden informed the members that 20 new cameras are now in use by the Fire Department. The cameras have the ability to see through smoke and enhance rescue operations by detecting changes in heat and allows firefighters to determine locations of fire. Also mentioned that Station 2 has new engines. The department is now in the process of recruiting and hiring new firefighters. Mentioned that the Special Operations Team has moved to Station 4.

Planning and Development Department

No zoning applications for the Urban Core for this month.

Old Business

During the October 28, 2002 meeting, Dr. Norman appointed Flossie Brunson, JoAnn Smith, 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.

Flossie Brunson made a nomination report for the 2003 officers. The nomination committee recommends that the current Chair (Dr. Janetta Norman) and Vice-Chair (Michael Bryant) succeed themselves and remain in office. In recognizing their wonderful service thus far, the committee decided to retain the leadership of Dr. Norman and Mr. Bryant. The members heard the nomination and unanimously voted that Dr. Norman and Mr. Bryant remain as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.

Both Dr. Norman and Mr. Bryant accepted their positions. Mr. Bryant mentioned the importance of rotating officers and suggested that during next year the members seriously consider a change in leadership.

New Business

None at the time.

Additional Concerns/Issues

Rita Reagan expressed her concern for the number of people in the Urban Core that do not attend the meetings. Mentioned that she has returned to attending the meetings on a regular basis and wants to encourage others to do the same. Suggested rotating the meetings throughout the district in order to encourage members to attend.

Dr. Norman mentioned that the idea of rotating the location of the meetings was addressed in the past and unfortunately it turned out to be confusing for members and guests.

Dr. Norman appointed Ms. Reagan as Chair of recruitment and charged her with the task of locating potential new members and finding ways to persuade non-active members to become active again.

Special Guests

None at this time.

Announcements

- Flossie Brunson announced the groundbreaking of the new Downtown Library to be held on December 16, 2002.
- The Springfield Women's Club will host a Christmas Trolley Tour to be held on December 13-14, 2002 from 6p-9p. The tour will also include horse and carriage rides. Tickets are available for \$15 (\$18 at the door) and a historical calendar will be sold for \$12.50 each.
- Jack Dodge (guest) announced his appointment to serve on the Downtown Mobility Study. He suggested that the Urban Core CPAC take initiative to promote safe and courteous driving in the Core City. Also suggested that the CPAC invite Ken Amaro to a future meeting to consider conducting a Safe/Courteous Driving Campaign in the Urban Core.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm

The next meeting of the Urban Core CPAC will be held at 5:00 P.M., Monday, January 27 2003 at the Cathedral Terrace Auditorium – 701 N. Ocean Street.