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 <u>dougcpac@comcast.net</u> Vice Chair: Rex Williams 401-8138 <u>rexwilliams2006@hotmail.com</u>

Mayor's Representative: Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636 <u>cshehe@coj.net</u> Neighborhood Coordinator: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer 255-8236 <u>mfharmer@coj.net</u>



Meeting Summary Monday, Feb. 1, 2010

Members

Doug Vanderlaan, Chairperson Yvonne Lane, Bridge the Gap Deloris & Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard Pat LaMountain, Springfield Women's Club Rex Williams, Vice Chair Beverly Toney, Fresh Ministries Greg Radlinski, The Parks at the Cathedral

Excused

Ruth Arnold, Geraldine Walker, Catherine Morton, Dr. Janetta Norman, Janice Love, Celia Miller and Floree Johnson-McPherson

Guests

Congressman Adam Putman, Barto, FL Matt Bissbee, Public Defender's Office Allan Cladworthy, SWAIC Dani Bankmann, 2nd Mile Russell Libera, WRS Compass Matt Shirk, Public Defender Greg Bruce, The Hester Group Manguento Tetdmann, SWAIC Marc Nettleton, 2nd Mile Kim Melvin, UNF Student

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison JSO Zone 1 Sgt. Perkins Emery Nauden, Planning Elaine Lancaster, Municipal Code Payson Tilden, JEA Wight Greger, Director HAND Milton Locklear, FDOT Shorty Robbins, DRCS Melody Davis, DCPS, Cluster 1 Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

Call to Order

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

Meet your Neighbor - Grand Boulevard Members Johnny and Delores Swain talked about their neighborhood. They have been CPAC members since 1996. They started their Neighborhood Crime Watch when Chief Bass was in the Zone. They have gotten rid of a lot of crime. Recently they had barricades installed on MLK Parkway that was a hazard but it has taken three years. They continue to cleanup the neighborhood once a month with Clean It Up Green It Up. They only have a few people participating but a few can make a great impact on the neighborhood. Delores is the current Co-Chair for ShAdCo M along with Co-Chair Bernard Thomas.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Greg Radlinski made a Motion to accept the minutes from the January 4, 2010 meeting. A second was made by Member Lane. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Staff Report

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Sgt. Perkins had no official report but would be available to take concerns. For information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org

Guest Speaker

Matt Shirk, Public Defender for the 4th Judicial Circuit serves Duval, Clay and Nassau Counties. He introduced himself and his quest Congressman Adam Putman from Barto, Florida. Congressman Putman is a candidate for the Commissioner of Agriculture which includes decisions on utilities, banks, public lands and agriculture. Matt Shirk thanked members for allowing him to speak. He talked about how the office was created in 1963 and how he became the Public Defender. The new mission statement for the Public Defender is to be an efficient administrator and provide effective representation and are bound by the Code of Ethics to be effective to the clients and engaging the community and try to improve the quality of life in the First Coast. Since taking office they are working on ways to save taxpayer funds by recovering funds from acquitted clients and working on ways to see if people who claim to be indigent are not then investigators could check on the income not reported in court. They have launched a website at www.mattshirkpublicdefender.com and have a page on Face book. The website can access a court date, the Judges name and Attorney's name. Members asked questions on how can the CPAC can help the PD Office? He hopes to get the word out to the community and to focus on the number of cases. He hopes that we can help to reduce crime by mentoring to juveniles. Does the PD follow up and how is the recidivism rate? The Office doesn't have the resources but Drug Court can report on the recidivism rate. With resources being limited how do you plan to get the word out on preventive measures? By creating a speakers bureau and by educating the public. Do juveniles have to do community service projects? It depends. The goal with juveniles is to rehabilitate while with adults it is punitive to punish. Matt Shirk can be reached at 630-1440 or e-mail at pd4@pd4.coj.net.

Staff Reports

Mayor's Representative – Carolyn Shehee-Williams had no report. She can be reached at 630-1994 or <u>CSHEHEE@coj.net</u>

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

- Project New Ground remediation has started in the Bessie Circle area at the Brown's Dump site.
- Next month they will work in the 5th and Cleveland area, then Forest Street followed by Lonnie Miller Park in April or May.
- The Outreach Center hours have changed due to more traffic to Monday Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The phone number is 357-8077.
- It is going wonderfully.

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

- The Road to Olustee was wonderful. There were over 800 spectators despite the rain and cold. They had campers for 4-nights.
- JaxParks is moving this month to the 3rd floor of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street.
- The Athletic Department will be shut down till after Presidents day.
- The summer hiring will begin in mid-March. There are jobs for life guards and camp counselors.
- The renovations to the Kennedy Center and Emmett Reed Center are almost complete.
 Project New Ground will be doing some park and play equipment as part of the renovations.
- At the next meeting she will bring maps of the S-line.

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

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - Milton Locklear had the following updates:

- The Main Street Bridge will have some work done and there will be single lanes in each direction next week.
- He will bring a map with FDOT roadway projects to the next meeting.

Members asked about the Matthews Bridge. It is in the planning stages for the planned projects list that is being adopted. *Milton Locklear* can be reached at 360-5686 or <u>Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us</u>

Planning and Development - Urban Core Planner Emery Nauden reported on the following:

- Exception E-10-03 2104 Liberty Street Proposed Use: Convenience Store
 Owner/Agent: Joe Joseph Staff Recommendation: Deferred / No Report
 Planning has deferred this since it didn't have the proper landscaping. This property had
 been inactive for 10-years. SPAR is in opposition.
- The Planning Department will be moving to the Ed Ball Building on Friday and will be back in business on Tuesday with new phone numbers.

Planner Nauden can be reached at 255-7825 or enauden@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance – Zone 1 Supervisor Elaine Lancaster had no report but was available for concerns: There is a van on a vacant lot that has been reported at the 1800 block of West 19th Street (2905 Fairfax St.) It is being used for illegal activities. Property Safety can be reached at 255-7000 or <u>psafety@coj.net</u>

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

Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) – Melody Davis, Executive Director K-8 Education (Cluster 1) had no official report but reported on the following:

- Schools were in the process of test taking tips for FCAT.
- FCAT writing begins on Feb. 9.
- There are lots of safety nets in place with before and after tutoring available in the community and at churches. At Bethel Baptist they offer SAT, ACT and FCAT prep. They also have a Summer Recovery Program to make up courses that were taken during the school year. It is open to all students.

Members had questions and concerns with the F school grade at Andrew Jackson High School. They do have strategies in place and they are making positive changes. Darnell Cookman will be adding a high school to their Medical Magnet Program. Fresh Ministries along with other neighborhood associations would like to see a partnership with neighborhood schools. They would also like to see the principals come to a neighborhood association meeting. Teachers can't do it alone. They would also like to see parents and the community work in collaboration to assist the schools. Chairperson Vanderlaan welcomed Ms. Davis and extended an invitation to come to all the Urban Core CPAC meetings. Melody Davis can be reached at 390-2000 or davism@duvalschools.org

<u>HAND – Community Development</u> Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following:

Mayor Peyton's BUDGET Workshops are as follows:

Thursday, Feb. 11 – Blue Cypress Community Center, 4012 University Blvd. N. 6 to 8 pm Saturday, Feb. 27 – Cecil Community Center, 13531 Lake Newman Drive 9:30am to 11:30am Saturday, March 6 – Jax Children's Commission, 1095 A. Philip Randolph 9:30 to 11:30 am Thursday, March 25 – Clanzel T. Brown Community Center, 4545 Moncrief Rd.6 to 8 pm Saturday, April 17 – Balis Community Center, 1513 LaSalle Street 9:30 to 11:30 am Thursday, April 29 – Dinsmore Community Center, 7126 Civic Club Drive 6 to 8 pm

Press Release from Mayor Peyton - Feb. 1, 2010 - "Today, the City of Jacksonville received word that the U.S. Department of Defense's Quadrennial Defense Review has confirmed the long-standing position of the U.S. Navy to homeport a nuclear aircraft carrier at Naval Station Mayport. While home porting the carrier here will enhance national security through strategic dispersal of the East Coast carrier fleet, the economic boost this vessel brings to our city is a real positive during these tough economic times. The estimated annual impact of nearly \$671 million in revenue and 7,400 new jobs associated with this relocation are key as Jacksonville plots its course for post-recession recovery. "Our congressional delegation should be commended for their dedication and leadership on this issue. Senators Bill Nelson and George LeMieux, and Representatives Corrine Brown, Ander Crenshaw and Cliff Sterns each played an integral role in helping

ART WALK - It's Ladies Night at Art Walk. Meet up in Hemming Plaza at Art Walk for dancing and lessons by Salsa Caliente from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. New to Art Walk is The Adrian Pickett Gallery and the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Museum at the Jacksonville Landing. Check out the Skateboard Art Show at 229 Hogan. Marilyn is at MOCA, Circa Sixty Three is at 11E and there will be a ladies night video installation by Biggie Tea at BG. Don't miss the burlesque show at Cafe 331 or the haikus and web comics at The Sinclair. Yes, of course, there is more. THE OFFICIAL ART WALK AFTER PARTY is at the Twisted Martini! Buy one drink and turn in your Art Walk flyer for your second drink free. More Art Walk details and map Various locations | Feb 3 | 5 - 9 p.m.

Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for 2010-2011 will have technical assistance available on Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon until March 3, 2010. Applications must be delivered no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday,
 - March 5, 2010 or postmarked on or before Friday, March 5, 2010. 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 <u>Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA)</u>, 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@coi.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 at 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 are Tuesday-Friday from 11 a.m. - 6 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 and Driving equipment such as skid-steer, excavator, bulldozer, etc. WorkSource manages the employment process. Those interested in employment opportunities should contact Jerry Box at 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 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, February 18, 2010 at 4 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor, 32202. During the month of December the Monthly Report on Jacksonville Journey had the following information: They continued to move forward in implementing the Jacksonville Journey program. The progress includes (1) the oversight committee held its monthly meeting (2) UNF class presented their report to the Mayor and the JJOC. The Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice class presented their report. The students took an in-depth look at the following programs: Courts-State Attorney's office; Corrections-Operation New Hope and JREC; Policing-Operation Safe Streets; Juvenile Justice-Juvenile Assessment Center, Out of School Suspension Centers, Team UP, Project Second Chance run by the Youth Crisis Center, and Jacksonville Commitment. The program evaluation reviewed the demonstrated need for the program, design of the program, program implementation and service delivery, program impact or outcomes, program efficiency/cost-effectiveness, and recommendations. Following the presentation those in attendance asked the students questions. The complete report is available on the website. The JJOC will be reviewing the suggestions and recommendations in the coming

http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey All JJOC meetings are being held in the Ed Ball Conference room. All meetings are broadcast live and recordings are available on the website within 48 Hours of each meeting. For information call Tina Rehmel 630-1273 or http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey

Animal Care and Protective Services will hold a Save Your Sweetheart Adoption Event on Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Animal Care and Protective Services, 2020 Forest St. This is a special adoption program for Valentine's Day. Contact: 255-7365

 $\underline{http://www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Animal+Care+and+Control/default.htm} \\ \underline{City\ Council:}$

months. All Information relative to the Journey programs is available on the website at-

- City Council Member Reginald Brown, District 10 will hold a Public Meeting Monday, February 08, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, Lynwood Roberts Room. to provide a Disparity Study Update. Please refer to original ordinance 2004-0602 for information. Representatives from the City of Jacksonville's Procurement Division and Office of General Counsel will be on-hand to provide additional information. All interest parties are invited to attend. Contact: Daphne Colbert, Executive Council Assistant, District 10, at (904) 630-1684 or http://www.coj.net/City+Council/District+10/D10TownMtgs.htm
- City Council Member Warren A. Jones, District 9 will hold a Community Meeting on Monday, February 08, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at Eugene Butler Middle School, Auditorium, 900 Acorn Street for a College Gardens/College Circle/New Town Community Meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to address Crime Issues, Code Enforcement, McMillan Street Traffic Study, and New Town Kids Zone. Contact: 630-1395 or http://www.coj.net/City+Council/District+9/D09TownMeeting.htm

Planning Department – On Friday, Feb. 5, the Planning and Development Department's Office of the Director, Current Planning Division and Community Planning Division are relocating from the Florida Theatre to the third floor of the Ed Ball Building. The staff will be unavailable all day Friday and the following Monday until 1 p.m. The new main telephone number will be 255-7800 and the new main fax number will be 255-7886. Individual staff phone numbers will be on the portal phone directory, but all old office numbers will roll over to the new numbers for 60 days.

<u>Parks</u> – 2nd Annual Black History Challenge on Friday, February 12, 2010 from 6pm - 8pm at the Kennedy Community Center, 1133 Ionia St.. Come test your knowledge in African American Trivia. Categories will include music, history, inventions, and more. Free refreshments will be served. For information call 630-4100.

- Winn Dixie presents Movies in the Park on Friday, February 19, 2010 at 6 pm movies starts @ 6:30pm at Charles Clark
 - Community Center at 8793 Sibbald Rd.. Come and enjoy a free family friendly movie on us under the stars. Free refreshments will be served. For information call 630 4100.
- ARTS ON THE GO @ Carvill Community Center on Friday, February 26, 2010 at 6 8 p.m. 1302 Carvill Ave. Release your artistic talent and come draw, paint, and make take home crafts. Art instructors will be on hand to assist. Refreshments will be served. For information call 630-4100.

<u>Schools</u> - Duval County Public Schools <u>www.duvalschools.org</u> REPORT A TRUANT by calling **390-2093** or making an online report at http://www.duvalschools.org and for other info "Save Duval Schools" – <u>www.saveduvalschools.org</u> **Main Street Celebration**

The construction and redevelopment projects on Main Street are complete and the Springfield Preservation and Revitalization Council want to celebrate them. The organization will host a "Celebrate Springfield" day Feb. 13 that will feature a parade and tour that begins at their offices and will end at Klutho Park, stopping by the Florida Proton Therapy Institute at Shands Jacksonville and other commercial entities. The event is from 1–4 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

EVENT - The First Amendment Foundation of Tallahassee will hold an open government laws workshop at The Times-Union Auditorium at One Riverside Avenue in Jacksonville on Tuesday, Feb. 9. The Sunshine Seminar, which begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration and ends at 2:25 p.m., features an overview of Florida's public records and public meetings requirements by First Amendment Foundation President Barbara Petersen and a Florida media law presentation by members of the Florida Bar Media & Communications Committee. The seminar is helpful for anyone who uses public records as well as for state and local agency employees who are required to stay current on open government laws. The workshop is approved for continuing education credit by The Florida Bar, Florida Association of Court Clerks and Comptrollers and International Institute of Municipal Clerks and licensed investigators. All attendees receive a Government-in-the-Sunshine Manual, which contains the most current public records and public meetings law information. The cost is \$10 for First Amendment Foundation members, \$25 for non-members, \$15 for government employees and \$10 for students. Register at the door or through the foundation online at www.floridafaf.org. a registration form to send in via mail. For more details, contact the foundation at (850) 224-455.

<u>Library</u> – To learn about classes and events at the library please visit <u>www.jpl.coj.net</u> or <u>www.coj.net</u>
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

<u>Downtown Events</u> – For a listing of events happening in downtown Jacksonville go to <u>Downtown Vision, Inc.</u> http://www.downtownjacksonville.org and area kiosks, the <u>Visit Jacksonville</u> 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.

<u>Nominations Sought for 2010 Women's History Month Poster</u> - 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:

 $\underline{\text{http://www.coj.net/Departments/Advisory+Boards+and+Commissions/Commission+on+the+Status+of+Women/Womens+History+Month.htm}\\$

<u>Riverside Arts Market</u> - 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, Mar. 6, 2010.

Chairperson's Report

- Chairperson Vanderlaan asked for feedback on the layout of the meeting room.
- He also wanted members to start thinking about vacant and abandoned houses. Please
 check out the website www.vacantproperties.org. It has a lot of information nationally.
- Chair Vanderlaan wanted to work on 3 projects this year with a time line of 2 to 4 months per issue or less.
- Member Radlinski asked about the Draft of the Urban Core Vision Plan. He wanted to know if boiler plate language was used in Transportation 2.2 and other areas.
 Chairperson Vanderlaan attended part of the presentation on Jan. 28 but did not know if boiler plate language was used.
- Members would like to devote the entire March meeting to a presentation of the Urban Core Vision Plan Draft.

Subcommittee Reports

<u>A.Philip Randolph Corridor</u> - Chair Beverly Toney reported that in 2001 the Neighborhood Action Plan (NAP) for East Jacksonville was done which included the A. Philip Randolph Corridor (Section 7 page 29 of the Plan).

(http://www.coj.net/Departments/Planning+and+Development/Community+Planning/Neighborhood+Action+Plans%2c+Corridor+Studies+and+Land+Use+and+Zoning+Studies.htm)

FreshMinistries and neighbors have been working on this for some time. Some of the plan has worked but the A. Philip Randolph corridor should be a commercial center for the neighborhood. It should bring economic development to the area as well as a way to connect the Eastside to Downtown, Main Street and Springfield. At the Subcommittee meeting they invited James Richardson, Program Manager for the Northwest Economic Trust Fund. The Trust Fund has money to provide low interest rate loans and grants to existing businesses desiring to locate in the NW Trust Fund areas and incentives for jobs. The ideas for the corridor are in the NAP but are on paper. At the next meeting they will put together a plan to present to the CPAC and the City of Jacksonville. They also want to meet with Councilman Gaffney with the ideas and then go back to him with the actual plan keeping him informed of all the steps. Retail is needed in the neighborhood like a drugstore or small grocery store but the rooftops are needed for the commercial to come into the neighborhood. FreshMinistries is working on a Community Garden for residents to plant, use and sell fruit and vegetables to neighbors.

<u>Homelessness and Panhandling Subcommittee</u> – Chair Radlinski remarked that the first stop is talking with Director of Downtown Vision Terry Lorince. He will work on getting a copy of the draft plan and bring it back to the CPAC for input.

Chair Vanderlaan thanked Subcommittee Chairs Toney and Radlinski.

<u>Iransportation Subcommittee</u> – Member Miller was unable to attend the meeting but sent in a report. Chair Vanderlaan would like Member Miller to present this at a future meeting.

Announcements

 On Feb. 13 come Celebrate Springfield with the renovations on Main Street that are complete starting at noon at the SPAR Office for details go to www.sparcouncil.org

Public Comments

- JEA Payson Tilden, DSM Manager reported that JEA will start the Neighborhood Energy Efficiency Program in the Urban Core in the following boundaries: I-95 to Golfair to Pearce Street to Kings Street. This is a free program for all neighbors in the boundaries to install15 products that will help with reducing one's water and electric bill. A postcard will be sent to the home letting the owner or renters know that JEA will be coming door-to-door to install and educate them on the products. This program started 18 months ago in the Royal Terrace, Grand Park, Moncrief Springs and Sherwood Forest neighborhoods and have had 1800 homes completed. The neighborhoods were chosen on Census with 50% of the neighborhood falling below the 150% of federal guidelines and most consumption on their JEA bills. Please support JEA and tell your neighbors.
- There is a rebate program in Jacksonville for CFL light bulbs at lots of stores. Look out for upcoming rebates on dishwashers and refrigerators. Check the website at www.jea.com for details or http://www.jea.com/community/conservcenter/index.asp
- The Northeast Florida Community Action Agency has a program to help with insulation if you quality. They can be reached at 398-7472 ext 218.

Payson Tilden can be reached at 665-6187 or tildpj@jea.com

Adjournment

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

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To: Urban Core CPAC Members, District 1

Via: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Coordinator

From: Celia A. Miller, UC CPAC Charter Member, NF TPO CAC Rep. for UC CPAC Dist.1

This info is being humbly submitted for the updated awareness of all CPAC UC Members. Because I am somewhat under the weather today, I may not be able to present in person to the CPAC Members.

First, The name of the organization was changed (updated as it was described) last year from Northeast Florida Metropolitan Transportation Planning to it new name NORTH FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING. It consists of two entities: The T CC and the CAC.

TPO has a website which is recommended to fill in the details which are being given to you now. www.firstcoastmpo.com

The MPO used to be local consolidated city wide. It has been expanded into a regional independent agency. Many changes have evolved over the last five years.

A DRAFT of the Boundary and Apportionment Plan got North Florida TPO (Plan Fund.Mobilize) was prepared 1-27-12010 by Ms. Denise Bunnewith, Executive Director of the TPO Office. Members received this with the monthly CAC Agenda Booklet last week. It outlines the membership and the boundary for the regional TPO. Please search the Website to read in its entirety. The DRAFT Copy should be available also.

The TPO/CAC meets monthly except for July and December on the first Wednesday, promptly at 6:00 p.m. at the TPO Office located at 1022 Prudential Drive, 32207. The TPO/TCC meet monthly also.

New By-Laws were recently presented. The agency sought to clean house and renew and expand is membership to reflect the regional boundaries.

Some of the current issues are the Stimulus Funds. A second project list is included in the February Agenda Booklet. It is noted that only two Duval County Projects made this list.

TA Public Bus Transportation is a standard agenda item. Planning for Rapid Transit Bus system as opposed to a Rapid Transit Commuter Rail System is still being debated with some confusion which the CPACs and general public should actively seek some clarification and total accountability and transparency.

Plans for a Multi-modal Transportation Center is quietly moving forward.

Two TPO/CAC agenda items requiring Action on Wednesday, 02-03-10 are:

A: Resolution Supporting for Active Transportation, Led by Rails-to-trails Conservancy RTC) and the First Coast Trails Coalition.

B. FDOT (Florida Department Of Transportation) Requests Amending the FY 2009/10 through FY 2013/14 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

This is an important and valuable agency to economic and sustainable quality of life in our city and the growing expanding community.

Please feel free to call if you wish to have further dialogue, volunteer to become a rep or alternate rep. You may also get more extensive info from Ms. Denise Bunnewith, Executive Director and Ms. Marcia Lawson.

Submitted By:

Celia Miller