

Urban Core ~ District 1

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

March 25, 2002

Edward Waters College – Schell-Sweet Health Building λ 1697 Kings Road

MINUTES

Committee Members/Guests/Staff Present

Sign in sheets attached

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm.

Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The decision to approve the minutes as written was unanimous.

Speakers

- **Earl Johnson, Jr. (Chair, Political Forum of JCCI Forward)** – presented and provided information on the Jacksonville Community Council, Inc. (JCCI) and its studies. Discussed the impact of the efforts of JCCI Forward and its endeavors to involve youth and conduct studies in 1) political leadership; 2) Downtown development and entertainment; and 3) business climate and education. The goal of JCCI Forward is to move young people into leadership positions within the political landscape of Jacksonville. Answered questions from the members and guests.
- **John Merritt (Chief, City of Jax – Animal Care & Control)** – Discussed the many changes that were made to strengthen the Animal Care & Control department. Reorganization of the department includes 1) improved quality of training for staff; 2) increased staff to serve the community; 3) heightened goal of acting on calls by 4pm the day the call is received. Discussed the department's limited authority to serve citizens who live on private property and the procedure for calling in a complaint. The facility was recently remodeled and will now be open to the public from 8am-5pm/ 7 days per week. Answered questions from members and guests. Distributed pamphlets.

Reports

Joann Smith discussed the Urban Core CPAC's role in reviewing grant application for the Children's Commission New Ways Grant. Each CPAC is allocated \$25,000 to disseminate. Flossie Brunson and Michael Bryant have agreed to serve with Joann on the committee to review the applications for the Urban Core. Members discussed the factors involved in selecting awardees and the importance of considering those agencies and programs that seek to make the Urban Core stronger.

Old Business

The tentative date for the Urban Core bus tour is May 15, 2002 beginning at 8:30 am at the Black Business Investment Corporation. The committee continues to conduct planning meetings. A report will be made at the next CPAC meeting.

New Business

None at this time.

Additional Concerns/Issues

- 1) Celia Miller addressed a concern about questions and issues that are brought up by members at the meetings and them being officially recorded and made a part of the minutes.

Felicia Bridgewater explained that all meetings are recorded via tape and stored in the Neighborhood Services Office. The minutes are to be regarded as brief summaries of the meetings and not necessarily detailed transcriptions. Citizens are welcome to access the tapes for further clarification of the minutes if they contact the Neighborhood Services Division Chief.

Jeannie Fewell reminded members that City Department Heads are assigned to each CPAC and serve the purpose of addressing immediate concerns and providing information as needed.

Michael Bryant suggested that major concerns should be brought to the attention of the board to be voted and action taken by the CPAC.

- 2) Rev. Johnson suggested that the CPAC consider starting the meetings even without a quorum and hold off on any actions to be voted on until after a quorum has arrived. Dr. Norman responded by stating that the purpose of starting after a quorum is achieved is primarily for the presenters. This further emphasizes the fact that members must arrive on time to the meetings as not to delay them and cause inconvenience for the presenters.
- 3) Felicia Bridgewater asked members to provide her with ideas for quest speakers and/or topics to be addressed at upcoming meetings. She also requested suggestions for potential future members to serve on the CPAC.

Announcements

None at this time

Adjourn

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Urban Core – District #1 CPAC Meeting will be held on Monday, April 22, 2002 at 5:00 pm at the Cathedral Terrace Auditorium - 701 N. Ocean Street.