

Urban Core ~ District 1
Meeting Summary of the
Citizens Planning and Advisory Committee
Cathedral Terrace Auditorium – 701 N Ocean ST
Monday, April 26, 2004

Committee Members Present

Dr. Janetta Norman, Presiding
JoAnn Smith, Cathedral Residents Advisory
Louvenia Tippins, Durkee Gardens
E. M. Johnson, Council Appointee District 7
Michael Bryant, Fresh Ministries
Deloris Swain, Grand BLVD Crime Watch
Johnny Swain, Grand BLVD Crime Watch
Flore Johnson-McPherson, N.W. Quad. Neighborhood Watch
Eula Canty, Planet Watch
Betty Chance, Planet Watch
Rosemary Anderson, Ex-Offenders' Joint Coalition
Dr. Faye Battle, Pride in Action Community Service
Joe Markusic, Springfield Preservation & Restoration
Joyce Brinson, Heart for Children
Joseph Brinson, Heart for Children
Dr. Noel Braithwaite, Healthy Jacksonville

City/Staff/Public/Media

Doris Leach, District 1 Planner, NSD
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, District 5 Planner, NSD
Valeria Williams, City of Jacksonville, Consumer Affairs

Excused: **Kenneth Avery**, Planning & Development

Call to Order

Dr. Janetta Norman, CPAC Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM at Cathedral Towers 701 N Ocean St.

Approval of the Meeting Summary

Minutes were approved from March meeting

Welcomed Guests

Introduced Donna Belvin and B. Richardson of 1515 McConihe. Also introduced new Urban Core Planning District Coordinator, Doris Leach.

Guest Speaker

John Merritt, division chief, Animal Care and Control, served as guest speaker, and presented information about Animal Care and Control's operational objectives: operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and supports two shelters. He stated that the division is a complaint-based organization, which works to resolve all of Duval County's disputes regarding animals. He also discussed programs for the community including adoptions the cost to spay and neuter are included in the adoption cost. Additionally, information on lost and adoptable pets is available via the internet and updated twice a day at www.coj.net/pets Lastly, he informed us that public education is provided through *Animal*

Wise television show on cable channel 29, and urged everyone to utilize 630-CITY to report issues to Animal Care and Control.

Announcements

Mrs. Flo Johnson-McPherson spoke on the life accomplishments of her late husband, who was a resident of 3543 Lewis Street for 33 years and passed away June 2000. She stated that John was a 27-year veteran of the USN and served in three wars, WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He was also an avid volunteer in the community and inspired Diane Kerr to become involved in the NW CPAC. The first Paint the Town was held in his North Riverside neighborhood, and will be held in Sherwood Forest this year. Greenscape planted 8 trees and the Jacksonville Partnership erected a marker in the same park to commemorate his legacy. On the advice of Councilwoman Lockett-Felder, McPherson requested the support of the CPAC in the form of a letter, to the City Council to rename Gateway Park at corner of 8th and Boulevard to the John McPherson Park.

A motion to send a letter to the City Council in favor of renaming Gateway Park to John McPherson Park was made by Dr. Janetta Norman and second from Joe Markusic. The vote: All were in favor, none opposed.

A motion to change the monthly CPAC meetings from the third Monday of each month to the first Monday of each month was made by Pastor E. M. Johnson and a second from .The vote: All were in favor, none opposed.

Doris Leach, planning coordinator, announced that the venue for future meetings is Florida Community College Jacksonville, Urban Resource Center Room 411.

Sub Committee Reports

Joann Smith and Pastor E. M. Johnson, Grants Subcommittee, discussed the allocation of the \$25,000 Jacksonville Children's Commission New Ways Initiative grant awards. They received thirteen applications totaling \$110,529. Each of the qualified applicants was awarded a portion of the \$25,000 granted to the CPAC. A full report is expected at the next meeting.

New Business

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, planning coordinator, Neighborhood Services, announced information regarding the Mayor's Matching Grant. She stated that there are two remaining workshops, which are mandatory in order to be considered for the award. She also spoke of the upcoming Neighborhood Leadership Training Institute and Florida Neighborhood Conference, which will be September 16-18, 2004.

Valerie Williams, investigator, City of Jacksonville, Division of Consumer Affairs, discussed "Spot Delivery," an illegal tactic used by car dealerships after a consumer has taken possession of a vehicle. She stated that once a potential buyer has taken delivery of a vehicle, the dealership would then contact the consumer stating that additional funds were required for a down payment, or that a co-signer was needed. She can be reached at 630-1212, extension 3067.

Joe Markusic, member, announced the SPAR Home Tour on May 15-16, will feature eight completed houses as well as houses under construction and in the process of renovation.

Michael Bryant, vice chair, discussed the Eastside Town Meeting with Councilwoman Lockett-Felder and JEA, which will address issues concerning electric improvements and infrastructure. The meeting will take place at Matthew Gilbert Middle School on May 17 at 6:00 PM.

Mayor's Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2004. City directors will accompany Mayor Peyton to address the concerns of Urban Core neighbors. Dr Norman solicited suggestions for potential venues: Ritz, LaVilla School of the Arts, and Andrew Robinson Elementary School.

Deloris Swain, announced that the grand opening and dedication of the Raymond E. Davis Park located at 21st and Spires off Fairfax, would be held on May 24th at 3:30 PM.

Rosemary Anderson, discussed the Jacksonville Reentry Center, provides employment, housing and referrals to ex-offenders. The center is located at 1534 Winthrop and is overseen by Wesley Struggs.

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM

The next CPAC meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2004 at Florida Community College Jacksonville, Urban Resource Center Room 411.