

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

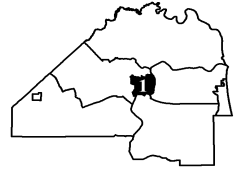
Meeting Location: Ed Ball Building – Training Room 110 – 214 N. Hogan St.

Chair: Doug Vanderlaan 923-5179 dougcpac@comcast.net

Vice Chair: Rex Williams 401-8138 rexwilliams2006@hotmail.com

Mayor's Representative: Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636 cshehe@coj.net

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Meeting Summary Monday, April 5, 2010

Members

Doug Vanderlaan, Chair	Ruth Arnold, 2 nd Mile
Louvenia Tippins, Charter Member – District 8	Catherine Morton, 12 th Street Loyalty
Yvonne Lane, Bridge the Gap	Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.
Paul Tutwiler, NWJ CDC	Greg Radlinski, The Parks at the Cathedral
Pat LaMountain, Springfield Women's Club	

Excused

Dr. Janetta Norman, Floree Johnson-McPherson, Caroline Shehee-Williams, Beverly Toney

Guests

Council Member Redman, District 4	Council Member Gaffney, District 7
Scott Wilson, ECA District 4	Rev. Torin T. Dailey, First B/C of Oakland
Dani Brinkman, 2 nd Mile	Greg Bruce, The Hester Group
Tracie Thornton	James Kilcrease, The Hester Group
Rosemary Thornton	Levoyus Partlow, MANIA
Alan Clotworthy	Brenda Boydson, SPAR
Kelly Venturello, UNF Student	Amy Gulley, UNF Student
Barney Roberts, North Springfield	Shareef Haleem, Eastside Neighborhood Assn.

Staff/Resource

JSO Zone 1 Sgt. Yul and Officer Domingo	Milton Locklear, FDOT
Shorty Robbins, DRCS	Elaine Lancaster, Municipal Code
Emery Nauden, Planning	Lisa Ransom, Planning
Adrienne Lathrop, Planning	Salem Soliman, Planning
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD	

Call to Order

Chairman Vanderlaan called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street with a moment of silence and welcomed everyone.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Radlinski made a Motion to accept the minutes from the March 1, 2010 meeting. A second was made by Member Arnold. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Zone 1 Sgt. Yul and Officer Domingo reported on the following:

- Burglary to residents in Springfield is up quite a bit as well as robbery to individuals. Be careful and do what they ask. Do become a good witness by getting a good description, age, pants and type of shoes since shirts come off easily. Don't leave things in the house that people can see. Don't leave ladders or bricks that may smash the windows. They did catch a suspect in a home when a homeowner came home.

They hope this will slow down the robberies. The robbers have been smashing a window in the back of the house to get in. If you see people loitering around your house keep an eye on them and call JSO. If they look suspicious it is better to call. Remember to keep your bushes around your house cut low so there is no place to hide. Please call JSO on suspicious panhandling downtown. They have been addressing this everyday. They are doing the best they can. Be patient. They continue to do deployments undercover in plain clothes.

Members had questions on the following: Unemployed people are hanging out in bus shelters which have become a problem for people waiting for a bus and can't use it. Can JSO make contact to have these people removed? There have been armed robberies on 7th and 24th Street off Pearl. The arrest off 7th, was that person the one that was responsible for the Shands incident that had a toy gun? In the Shands parking lot there was a robbery with a toy gun and that did lead to an arrest. For information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org

Meet Your Neighbor – Charter Member Louvenia Tippins from the 12th Street Loyalty Club which represents Durkeeville talked about the organizations. It has been around for quite a while. They started it to keep the neighborhood up by planting flowers. There use to be a lot of seniors but they have passed away. The properties have been sold and there are a lot of renters. They have met with lawyers to see what can be done with screening the renters. They are trying to maintain the neighborhood. They have meetings once a month to see what is going on and also attend ShAdCo meetings. They want to get to know the neighbors and to keep strangers out. They want to keep the area safe.

Guest Speaker

Urban Core Vision Plan: Planning and Development City Planning Manager Lisa Ransom gave a presentation on the Draft Urban Core Vision Plan and the background information. Planner Ransom said there were 3 Vision Plans going on and Adriane Lathrop (alathrop@coj.net 255-7854) has been working with the Urban Core Plan. The plan is on line at: <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Planning+and+Development/Community+Planning/Plans+and+Studies/Visioning+Plans.htm> as well as the consultant's site at: www.zyscovich.com. Consultant Zyscovich are located in Miami. The Steering Committee and Chair Paul Tutwiler have been working very hard on the Plan. The Principles they have come up with are:

1. Guiding Principle One - Capitalize on the Urban Core's Uniqueness
 - o Not changing the character but enhancing the entire Urban Core
 - o Bringing the plan to implementation once finalized
 - o Having all the outlining neighborhoods in the plan cohesively
 - o Conserving historic buildings
 - o *Vision plan's mission to strengthen our neighborhoods – was missed but will be added to the plan.*
 - o *Members want to have Jacksonville be a destination.*

Sub-Principle 1.1: Protect and Revitalize Historic Neighborhoods and Assets
Sub-Principle 1.2: Capitalize on the Central Business District
Sub-Principle 1.3: Protect and Enhance the Riverfront
Sub-Principle 1.4: Protect and Buffer Industrial Uses
2. Guiding Principle Two - Promote Mixed-Use/Mixed-Income Redevelopment and Infill
 - o Have reasons to come into the UC and have activity on the streets with retail
 - o *An idea at the Ford Plant to have a "destination" to come to with mixed use*
 - o *Creating housing choices with condo's or apartments with the possibility of shops below*

Sub-Principle 2.1: Redevelopment and Infill
Sub-Principle 2.2: Create a Range of Housing Opportunities and Choices
Sub-Principle 2.3: Redevelop the Major Road Corridors with Neighborhood Retail and Services
Sub-Principle 2.4: Create Land Development Regulations That Enable Corridor Redevelopment
Sub-Principle 2.5: Promote Clean-up and Redevelopment of Brownfields

3. Guiding Principle Three - Provide a Variety of Transportation Choices
 - o *The Urban Core Vision Plan needs to state the need and importance of bike lanes.*
 - o *Sidewalks are so close to the roadway since walking safely is an issue. Then the entire issue of sidewalks is needed in neighborhoods*

Sub-Principle 3.1: Improve Connectivity of Existing Transit
Sub-Principle 3.2: Create Walkable and Connected Neighborhoods
4. Guiding Principle Four - Provide for Economic Growth
 - o *JEDC has a Master Plan for Downtown Jacksonville – Members want to see plans implemented.*
 - o *Economic development is needed. Residents have ideas on what is needed but is the market ready?*

Sub-Principle 4.1: Save Space for Industry
Sub-Principle 4.2: Preserve and Enhance Existing Economic Assets and Drivers with Supporting Uses
Sub-Principle 4.3: Explore New Opportunities for New Industry and Supporting Uses
5. Guiding Principle Five - Expand, Protect and Enhance Open Space
 - o From the last presentation all maps were uploaded from the Urban Core and will be part of the final plan
 - o More activity is needed on the streets. Major road corridors that improve traffic and retail is needed along with being safe.
 - o Buffers are needed along corridors.
 - o *Members want to know why sidewalks are so close to the roadway since walking safely is an issue. Then the entire issue of sidewalks is needed in neighborhoods.*
 - o *The Plan needs to strengthen neighborhoods.*
 - o *A. Philip Randolph corridor needs to be stronger.*

Sub-Principle 5.1: Improve Existing Parks
Sub-Principle 5.2: Increase Recreation and Programming Opportunities
Sub-Principle 5.3: Promote Environmental Clean-up of Existing Resources
Sub-Principle 5.4: Improve and Expand Parks Along the River and Tidal Creeks

Urban Core Vision Plan Steering Committee Chair Paul Tutwiler spoke to the members on the overview and process of the Plan. He spoke about connectivity to various Urban Core neighborhoods and how to preserve them. Many ideas and suggestions were discussed in the past few years on this plan such as the Ford Plant and bringing something downtown on the river. There is a need to work together to try to bring people back to the Urban Core. There is a need for jobs. Chair Tutwiler enjoyed his time working on the plan and thanked everyone involved.

Members appreciated the overview from Ms. Ransom and Chair Tutwiler. They want something to be done with the Plan. There were some things excluded like a list of structures that were identified to be in the Plan. It was recommended in the past that Durkeeville become a Conservation District. Planner Ransom will check on this. Members wanted to see the map with general boundaries. There were also numerous questions on neighborhoods, possible solutions to bringing people to downtown with a unique draw and how to improve the entranceway into downtown on Main Street and Union Street. On A Philip Randolph Corridor they would like to see visitors to the Arena and Stadium extend their visit instead of steering the cars out of the downtown after the events. This would help enhance the connectivity to the neighborhood and not leave neighborhoods behind.

Member Radlinski brought the Plan to The Parks at the Cathedral April Meeting. It went well and was approved with the exception of **Sub-Principle 2.2: Create a Range of Housing Opportunities and Choices.**

Chair Vanderlaan would like to discuss the plan further at the next meeting. He would like to have a letter of support or opposition or suggestions with modifications. The Plan can be viewed at: (Draft Urban Core Vision Plan)

Chair Vanderlaan thanked Planner Ransom for the presentation. She can be reached at 255-8734 or lransom@coj.net

Chair Vanderlaan thanked City Council Members Redman and Dr. Gaffney for attending the meeting. He welcomed them back to any future meeting.

Council Member Don Redman, District 4 remarked that the group had fine ideas. He is involved with Downtown Vision and they have the same issues. Remember when you walk downtown to go shopping in stores. There is still a way to go but is open to ideas and to let him know. Council Member Redman can be reached at 630-1394 or Redman@coj.net

Council Member Dr. Johnny Gaffney, District 7 remarked that he admired the group for what they do. He has been observing and listening. He works with the people on what type of community they want. He has held up some legislation today so it won't be detrimental to the community and quality of life. One vision working collectively for one cause. This is leadership lead by direction. If you are not part of the solution then you are part of the problem. Keep up the great work. Council Member Gaffney can be reached at 630-1384 or Gaffney@coj.net

Member Arnold had a question to our City Council Members – In the Enterprise Zone do jobs with incentives have to hire 10% from the Enterprise Zone and can that be waived? Council Member Gaffney stated he wants to hold these companies accountable that receive incentives and to please send him the specific information. The following information was sent to Council Member Gaffney after the meeting from Member Arnold:

Ordinance 2010-219. The JEDC is requesting the waiver for Lender Processing Services.

The summary report states that they are seeking authorization to waive the portion of the Public Investment Policy adopted by Resolution 2006-119-A which would require ten million dollars in new private capital investment, and hiring 10 percent of new employees from within the Enterprise Zone, for the proposed project.

If I understand it correctly the standard incentive is \$3,000 per job created. This waiver allows this company to receive 2 additional bonuses (with a combined total of \$5500) per job created which allows the company to receive \$8,500 (some state, some city funds) per job created without meeting the obligations required to receive the funds.

Thank you for taking the time to look into this and to make your best effort to make sure companies who seek to be located within our district are held accountable to hiring from within our district!

Subcommittee Reports

- **A. Philip Randolph Corridor** – Chair Beverly Toney asked to be excused from the meeting and sent her apologies. They did not meet this month. They continue to research the plan and are looking at the Enterprise and Empowerment Zone. They are also looking at ways to bring vendors in this area. Once finalized will bring it before the UC CPAC for a vote. Councilman Gaffney and Chair Toney are working on setting up a meeting to discuss the economic development.
- **Homelessness and Panhandling** – Chair Greg Radlinski reported that at the last meeting the proposed Drop in Center will not just be for people to get out of the heat but also have social services. At the Downtown ShAdCo meeting JEDC Manager Karen Nasrallah said they are looking at the panhandling and loitering laws for downtown. They will be meeting around the 12th of the month. He is also looking at Downtown Vision and getting a sense on what they are doing for the CPACs consideration.
- **Transportation** – Chair Celia Miller reported on the following: Please remember that she wants a replacement as the TPO representative. She had been doing this since 1995. The TPO meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the TPO office on Prudential Dr. The railroad overpass on US 1 near 45th Street is expected to

take 2 and half years to complete. They are 80% done and hope to be fully complete in July.

Bike lanes are part of the overpass but there will be no bike lanes on the service road to access the neighborhoods. There is a concern that there is no landscaping in the project. There was discussion on commuter rail and what direction the CPAC would like to take on this. Here are some links to find out more on this:

North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) – <http://www.nftpo.com>

JTA – Commuter Rail –

<http://jtafla.com/futureplans/Rail/Default.aspx?page=About%20Commuter%20Rail&pid=9>

JTA – Commuter Rail Feasibility Study –

<http://jtafla.com/futureplans/Rail/Default.aspx?page=Feasibility%20Study&pid=26>

Council Member Redman stated they were in the very early stages and light rail would enhance the bus system. Members asked to have a presentation on this at a future meeting. Chair Vanderlaan asked for members by a show of hands to have this topic at a future meeting: 4 yes and 2 no. Chair Vanderlaan will research this and bring it back to the membership.

- **Vacant Properties** – Chair Doug Vanderlaan reported that the first meeting took place with Members Pat LaMountain, Mr. Partlow, Municipal Code Compliance Division Chief Kim Scott and Housing and Neighborhoods Director Wight Greger. There was a general discussion on land banking and similar concepts that are very complicated with legal ramifications. They also spoke on the Foreclosure Task Force that are working on a policy recommendation. This conversation started at the March meeting with the proposed Mortgage Foreclosure Regulation Ordinance. It is still in the draft stage. It was reviewed and would like to ask the CPAC for a motion in the Draft's current stage for a letter of support. *Member LaMountain made the motion to write a letter in support in the current form of the Draft for the Mortgage Foreclosure Regulation.* Member Lane made the second. Discussion: The concept would make the lending agency or Mortgage Company responsible for registering properties that are in the foreclosure process with the city. There were concerns for the foreclosed homes maintenance, security issues with swimming pools etc. The Draft attempts to address the vacant properties that are dormant and the property is in limbo. This does not address properties that are abandoned. *The Vote: 6 in favor 2 opposed. The Motion carries.*

Chairperson's Report – no report.

Staff Reports:

Mayor's Representative – Carolyn Shehee-Williams was excused. She can be reached at 630-1994 or CSHEHEE@coj.net

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

- 5th and Cleveland Street has started at Oaks of Durkeeville.
- Forest Street site will begin in the middle of this month.
- Lonnie Miller Park will begin next month.

Project New Ground can be reached at 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077 or visit the Center at 1605 N. Myrtle Ave.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Milton Locklear talked about how the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization which have 3 main committees that are very important on how the federal funds are allocated: :

- The North Florida TPO Board is comprised of elected officials and transportation agency representatives.
- The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) advises the TPO on technical issues concerning transportation and air quality. Membership includes transportation planners and engineers who are employed by the local governments.
- The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) provides an opportunity for citizens to participate in the transportation planning process and bring issues directly related to transportation

or air quality to the TPO and its staff. Its membership is diverse and appointed via a number of channels including the six Citizens Planning Advisory Committees for the City of Jacksonville, the Clay, Nassau and St. Johns Boards of County Commissioners and from local neighborhood groups, the business community and other special interest groups, such as environmental organizations. The CAC meets the first Wednesday monthly, except January and July, at 6 p.m.

Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

Planning and Development – Emery Nauden reported on the following:

- 1274 West State Street a day spa that wants deviation parking from 10 to 0
- Myrtle and Wilcox

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

Municipal Code Compliance – Zone 1 Supervisor Elaine Lancaster reported on the following:

- Totals this time of year are the lowest in 4 years – averaging 2600 to 2800 cases. They have picked up zoning and the growing season is coming up.
- Members asked how zoning came to their department – downsizing in 2008 and the Sign Ordinance in 2009. They are still training on the zoning code. Early set out of trash has gone back to the Solid Waste Division. Members asked who handles razor barb wire? Does it fall under Code Enforcement? Members were concerned with the amount of barbed wire on fences (commercial and residential) in the Urban Core. Supervisor Lancaster will research this and bring it to the next meeting. Chair Vanderlaan will also do some research on fences on Main Street. Supervisor Lancaster can be reached at 255-7007. Property Safety can be reached at 255-7000 or psafety@coj.net

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

- On April 27 vouchers for Summer Camp will be available. If a student is on free and reduced lunch they are eligible. There are 600 scholarships for camper to give out and registration will be May 10.
- The new Summer Parks Guide is available.
- The movies at Treaty Park are coming up and they are lots of fun. See the guide for details.

Shorty Robbins can be reached at 255-7915 or shortyr@coj.net

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

HAND – Community Development Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following:

Budget Workshops: Mayor Peyton will hold Budget Workshops on the following dates. Space is limited so please visit www.myjaxbudget.com to register or call 630-2747 to request seating at any of the upcoming workshops:

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| • Saturday, April 17, 2010 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. | Balis Community Center, 1513 LaSalle St. |
| • Thursday, April 29, 2010 6 – 8 p.m. | Dinsmore Community Center, 7126 Civic Club Dr. |
| • Thursday, May 20, 2010 6 – 8 p.m. | Jax. Beaches Community Center, 2508 South Beach |

City Council Budget Workshops

Council President Richard A. Clark will host a series of “Budget Workshop Meetings” from 6-8 p.m. at the FSCJ

Campuses:

- Kent – April 8, 2010, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32205 for Districts 12 & 14
- North – April 22, 2010, 4501 Capper Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32218 for Districts 11 & 8
- South – May 6, 2010, 901 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville FL 32246 for Districts 1,2,3 & 11

The meetings are to hear public comments and discussion of the City of Jacksonville’s Budget. Please note that all Council Members have been invited. All interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend. Contact Sonia Johnson, ECA, District 3 at 630-1031. City Council Meetings are the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m., City Hall, 117 W. Duval St. For info call 630-1377

Duval County School Board - Duval County School Board meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m., School Board Building, 1701 Prudential Dr. For information call 390-2000. Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.org REPORT A TRUANT by calling 390-2093 and for other info “Save Duval Schools” – www.saveduvalschools.org

Housing and Neighborhoods Department: The Community Development Division will hold: **National Community Development Week April 4 – 10, 2010** - Schedule of Events:

- **Monday, April 5, 2010 - NCD Week Kick Off Press Conference – Edward Waters College (EWC)/Schell – Sweet Building, 1697 Kings Road, 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.** A program will be held at 10:00 A.M. Federal and local officials will acknowledge NCD

Week and contributions of the CDBG Program to the City of Jacksonville. The Mayor's Office will present a proclamation designating April 4 – 10, 2010 as National Community Development Week. \$32,464.00 in CDBG funds will be used to provide a nutrition program for elderly low and moderate citizens. \$150,000 in CDBG funds will be used to provide Susie E. Tolbert museum and historic research center.

- **Tuesday, April 6, 2010 – Mayor's Fish –a- Thon, 500 Wonderwood Drive (Hanna Park), 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.** Over 1600 senior citizens attend this event and participate in a fishing tournament & fish fry at Hanna Park. Volunteers and CDBG staff will assist seniors with fishing, cards & bingo, miniature golf, serving lunch and cleaning up. \$55,800 in CDBG funds provides administrative and activity cost such as social cultural, educational, recreational and informational activities to 17,000 low and moderate income seniors.
- **Wednesday, April 7, 2010 – Clara White Mission, 613 W. Ashley Street, 11:00 A.M.** CDBG staff will have a walk through of Clara White Mission. Clara White Mission receives \$68,250 CDBG funds to pay for salaries and benefits to provide case management, vocational training, transitional housing and supportive services to 140 homeless persons. Clara White Mission also receives \$128,800 CDBG-Recovery funds to provide a Janitorial/Environmental Vocational Training & Job Placement Program to 50 low to moderate income persons.
- **Thursday, April 8, 2010 – Daniel Memorial, 3725 Belfort Road, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** – An Open House Luncheon to showcase building plans for the new 12,500 sf. elementary classroom building on Daniel Memorial's Belfort Campus. \$337,015 in public facility improvements CDBG funds will be used to assist in building the Belfort Campus Education Center which will serve at least 100 youth.
- **Friday, April 9, 2010 – Limited Repair Program** – Five (5) homes will be spotlighted that received CDBG Limited Repair Program & UTIP Program services. The homes are as follows: 2120 McQuade Street, 8349 Copperfield Circle, 828 Granville Road, 6311 Sprinkle Drive North and 805 Lynton Street. For additional information, media representatives may call Shanee Ealey, at (904) 255-8241
- **JHCD Board Meeting** will be on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street - 8th Floor. For information call Yon Wheeler at 255-8203
- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department sponsors free **Foreclosure Prevention** workshops. To register, call 630-CITY. 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.*
www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home
- The **Neighborhood Stabilization (NSP)** Program, authorized by the [Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 \(HERA\)](#), 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@coj.net or call 630-CITY.

Project New Ground is eager to answer your questions. Please contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077. The Project New Ground Outreach Center is located 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 Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. **Jobs** - Project New Ground contractors are hiring ground crews and skilled laborers. 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, www.dchd.net for more info go to: www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Project+New+Ground/About.htm

Jacksonville Journey: The next Journey meeting will be **Thursday, April 29, 2010** at 4 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor. During the month of March they are moving forward in implementing the Jacksonville Journey. The progress includes (1) The Oversight Committee held its monthly meeting (2) Summer Camp (3) Jacksonville Commitment (4) Federal Audit of Ex-offender programs, JREC, Team Up, Juvenile Assessment Center, and YCC was conducted. 32202. All Information can be viewed at www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey 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

JSO Sheriff's Crime Prevention Walk in Zone 1 – Sector B on **Thursday, April 8, 2010** starting at 5:00 p.m. at Ionia Street and East First Street. Meet Sheriff John Rutherford in Your Neighborhood. Save Thursday, April 29 for the next Crime Walk. For info call 923-5361

Planning Department – The Planning and Development Department's Office is located on the third floor of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St. The new main telephone number will be 255-7800 and the new main fax number will be 255-7886

Recreation and Community Services – Parks – JaxParks Admin Offices have moved to the Ed Ball Building. 3rd Flr. – Main # 255-7900

- **JaxParks Get Out There Festival** - Friday, **April 9, 2010** and Saturday, **April 10, 2010** 10 am - 4 p.m. Friday/ Hanna Park Saturday/ Kids Kampus & Walter Jones Historical Park, At Hanna Park 4/9 come take part in Fishing Clinics, Kite Making, Surfing Demos, Sand Castle Building, Bike Rides, & Educational programs. Kids Kampus Survivor and Health Fair 4/10- Kids ages 12 and under try your hand at various challenges and obstacle courses. 10 am - 2 pm a raffle for all participants begins at 2:15 p.m. Walter Jones 4/10 - 11 am - 4 pm River Celebration Day live music, arts and crafts, artists, boat rides and more. For information call 255-7911
- **Starry Nights** – Saturday, **April 10 Styx** and Saturday, **April 24 Idina Menzel** at Metropolitan Park – Gates open at 5:30p.m. and music begins at 7:30 p.m. Ticket Prices: Level 1: VIP Table Seating \$50 - Level 2 and 3: Preferred Seating \$35 - Lawn Seating \$15 - Day-of-Show Lawn Seating \$20
- **Winn-Dixie presents Free Movies in the Park** at Treaty Oak Park, 1123 Prudential Dr. Friday nights with the shows beginning at dusk around 8 p.m.: April 16 – *Shrek* – April 23 – *Sixteen Candles* April 30 – *Back to the Future* and May 7 – *Breakfast at Tiffany's*

Senior Events – **Fun with the Suns – Wednesday, April 28, 2010** at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville – Free admission Seniors make a Grand Slam at Fun with the Suns! Seniors are treated to a baseball game. For information and reservation, call 630-3690.

- **Seniors Brain Bowl** – Spring 2010 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. location to be determined. For information call 630-3690.

Special Events - The **18th annual World of Nations Celebration** will be held **April 29-May 2** at Metropolitan Park. A new adventure awaits you at every turn. Admission to Our World - One-Day Ticket to the World: \$5.00 (Saturday and

Sunday only) 3 years & under: Free Two-Day Round Trip Ticket: \$8.00 13 years & older: \$3 12 years & under: Free.
Discount Tickets - \$1.00 off admission with Military and Senior Citizen I.D. - Look in the April issue of your Mint Magazine
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- Senior Expo – Wednesday, May 19 and Thursday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center.
- 14th Annual Florida Neighborhoods Conference – July 8-10, 2010 Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront

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

Citizen Training - JaxCERT is a FREE emergency preparedness course taught through the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Emergency Preparedness Division. The eight-week course meets one day a week followed by a refresher course and practical disaster exercise. The next course starts Tuesday, May 4, 2010. Classes will be Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. at the Fire and Rescue Department Training Academy (2700 Firefighter Memorial Drive Jacksonville, FL 32246). If you would like to enroll in the Tuesday evening course, please fill out the application at the JaxCert Web site -

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Fire+and+Rescue/Emergency+Preparedness/Education/CERT.htm>

When to Water Your Yard - RESUME TWO-DAY WATERING AND IRRIGATION SCHEDULE – No irrigation is allowed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. subject to certain exceptions, landscape irrigation is limited to the following days:

- * Wednesday and Saturday for residential landscape irrigation at addresses that end in an odd number or have no address
- * Thursday and Sunday for residential landscape irrigation at addresses that end in an even number
- * Tuesday and Friday for nonresidential landscape irrigation

To learn more about the restrictions, visit the City of Jacksonville Environmental and Compliance Department at www.coj.net key word search "irrigation" or visit the St. Johns River Water Management District at www.sjrwmd.com/wateringrestrictions.

Tax Assistance - Through cooperation with the [RealSense Prosperity Campaign](#) and the [American Association of Retired Persons \(AARP\)](#), this service is provided from February to April at the [Main Library](#) - Room G4, Conference Level, 303 N. Laura St. Jacksonville, FL 32202 - Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. * February 6 - April 10, 2010 Free street parking on Saturdays.

Downtown - Riverside Arts Market – Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville. **RAM** has artists and entertainment on Saturdays from March 6, 2010 to December 18, 2010.

<http://www.riversideartsmarket.com>

- JEDC Downtown Development Review Board - Monthly Meeting - Thursday, April 29, 2010 2:00 p.m. at the Police & Fire Pension Bldg, 1 W. Adams St., 2nd Floor Contact: Michelle Stephens; msteph@coj.net
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Jacksonville+Economic+Development+Commission/Downtown+Development/DDRB+Meeting+Information.htm>
- First Wednesday **Art Walk - April 7, 2010** Theme: Art Goes Green
- Downtown Vision, Inc. has released an advocacy position paper entitled "Turning the Corner: Rethinking and Remaking Downtown." To learn more, and to read the full text of this publication go to <http://www.downtownjacksonville.org/downtown-vision/advocacy/>

Phone Numbers – City Link - where to go when you need to know 630-CITY (630-2489) www.coj.net

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- ShAdCo (Sheriff's Advisory Council) Zone 1 call 924-5361 at Gateway Shopping Center
- First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it
- JTA –For customer service call 630-3100 or www.jtafla.com
- Duval Extension Office is located at 1010 N. McDuff Ave or for more info call 387-8850
- **JOBS – WorkSource** Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. For info call 924-1710 or www.employflorida.com or www.worksourcefl.com

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Announcements

- The East 21st Street Community meeting on April 14, 2010, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Longbranch School will have Council Member Gaffney and the Public Defender Matt Shirk as the guest speakers. Mr. Shirk will address how to get records sealed and expunged.

Public Comments - none

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **May 3, 2010**
at 5 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

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