

Urban Core ~ District 1
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
May 19, 2003
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 5:15p.m. Chairman acknowledged visitors.

Approval of Minutes

The decision to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2003 meeting was unanimous.

Speakers

- **Kevin Feldt (Senior Transportation Planner (Jacksonville Transportation Authority) –** discussed the Transportation Alternatives Study conducted by the Jacksonville Transportation Authority. Identified the six corridors in Jacksonville that have been prioritized. Discussed lessons learned and corridor goals such as: Preservation and enhancement of mobility in the corridor; Support economic development opportunities; Improve efficiency of existing facilities; Provide cost effective transportation improvement; and Identify and encourage land use development. Provided copies of the study and other material. Answered questions from members and guests.
- **Felice Franklin - *City of Jacksonville (Jacksonville Economic Development Commission)*-** provided an update on development in the Lavilla area and Brooklyn community. Discussed downtown housing projects that have been completed and are underway. Explained the “Lavilla Experience” and those businesses that are expected and/or proposed to take up occupancy in the area. Discussed improvements to lighting, paving, and landscaping that will attract people to patronize the area. Discussed widening of Riverside Avenue and commercial development in the area. There will be a Master Plan established for the Brooklyn community and input from the citizens will be included. The City is in the process of searching for a developer for the Brooklyn area. Shared maps indicating areas of development. Answered questions from members and guests.

Reports

COJ - Building Code Enforcement
None at this time.

COJ - Mayor’s Representative – Ed Hall

The City is preparing to support the transition team in shifting from the Delaney administration to the Peyton administration. Answered questions from members and guests.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Assistant Chief Ed Johnson

JSO is transitioning to the new administration under the recently elected Sheriff. New administration activities and operations are currently under review.

COJ -Building Code Inspection – Frank Cunningham

Illegal sign issues for downtown have been redirected to the Downtown Development Authority. Increasing work in the Riverside/Avondale area.

Department of Transportation

None at this time

COJ -Planning and Development Department - Ken Avery

One rezoning issue for a vacant building built in 1950 in the 12th and Fairfax area is under review. The building is slated to be converted to neighborhood store. The owner of the proposed store received support from Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A. and Jessie Wiles/APD Consultants.

COJ - Neighborhood Services Division – Karen Blutcher

- Introduced the new City Park Guides and encouraged everyone to take a few copies.
- Reminded everyone about the State Neighborhoods Conference to be held on September 11-13, 2003 in Sarasota, Florida and mentioned that Neighborhood Services is working on sponsorship for citizens to attend. Criteria for selecting citizens to attend is under review but those interested must live in one of the City's Intensive Care Neighborhoods. In order to qualify for a sponsorship, the citizen must have also been active in the neighborhood during the past year.
- Reminded everyone about the Neighborhood Leadership Training Institute will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from July 8, 2003 through August 28, 2003. The institute is a seven-week program designed to teach citizens how to become role models in their communities. There is no cost to attend.
- Announced the Block Captain Training to be held on May 29, 2003 at City Hall in Conference Room 3C.

Jacksonville Fire & Rescue

None at this time.

Old Business

Joann Smith presented the results for the New Ways Grant considerations for 2003. Fourteen applications were received totaling in excess of \$72,000. The New Ways Grant Initiative Committee (Pastor E.M. Johnson, Michael Bryant, and Joann Smith) was charged with the task of distributing the budgeted \$25,000 amongst the applicants. The main focus in selected the projects was on those that impact the lives of children in the neighborhood. Dissemination of funds was successful.

New Business

The chair and members requested the presence of Mayor-elect John Peyton and those City Council members that represent the Urban Core at the next Urban Core CPAC meeting. There is also the request to invite the newly elected Sheriff to a future meeting.

Additional Concerns/Issues

None at this time.

Announcements

- Rosemary Anderson (member) announced the Protect Freedom Exercise to be held at Alltel Stadium. The FDLE is in need of 2,000 people to participate by acting as “game go-ers.” Those interested should contact Carolyn Hook at the FDLE at 360-7198.
- Dr. Noel Brathwaite of the Duval County Health Department introduced the Healthy Jacksonville/Health Literacy program, which focuses on awareness in the education and prevention of diabetes, high blood pressure, and other illnesses. The organization intends to become active in the Urban Core CPAC.
- Felicia Bridgewater (NSD) announced the 2003 Kuumba Festival to be held during Memorial Day weekend (May 24-25, 2003). Kumba Festival events will be held at the A. Philip Randolph Park located in East Jacksonville at 1st Street and A. Philip Randolph. All are invited to participate in this annual cultural event sponsored by the Honorable Pat Lockett-Felder (Councilwoman – District 7).

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm

The next meeting of the Urban Core CPAC will be held at 5:00 P.M., Monday, June 23, 2003 at the Cathedral Terrace Auditorium – 701 N. Ocean Street.