

Urban Core ~ District 1
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
June 24, 2002
Cathedral Terrace Auditorium ~ 701 N. Ocean Street

MINUTES

Committee Members/Guests/Staff Present
Sign in sheets attached

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:20pm. Those present were asked to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting provided they are amended per the following suggestions from Celia Miller:

- 1) Page 2 – Change Carl Pearson to Chris Pearson
- 2) Page 3 – omit the word “and” and replace with “after” in first sentence
- 3) Page 3 – Change Spires Street to Spires Avenue
- 4) Page 3 – Omit incomplete sentence

The decision to approve the pending amended minutes was unanimous.

Speakers

- **Pat Vail (Staff Attorney – Jacksonville Legal Aid)** – presented and discussed the Jacksonville Legal Aid Family Caregiver Legal Support Program. The program allows the agency to give services specifically to senior citizens that are tailored to their immediate needs. The program offers referral network services, home visits for legal evaluation, consultation, and education. Other services are offered dealing with power of attorney, preservation of assets, landlord/tenant issues, and consumer debt relief. Distributed brochures and answered questions for members and guests.
- **Garrett Dennis (Education Specialist – Supervisor of Elections Office)** – introduced the new voting process for the upcoming elections to be held on September 10, 2002. Conducted a faux ballot/voting procedure using a newly developed Accu-vote machine that has been specifically designed to prevent many of the mishaps of the year 2000 elections. Demonstrated how the votes will be tallied and officially recorded. Members and guests were allowed the opportunity to participate in the demonstration. Answered questions from members and guests.

Reports

Urban Core Bus Tour Committee

Floree Johnson-McPherson announced the success of the recent Urban Core Bus Tour held on June 12, 2002. There was great participation and interest from the citizens, council representatives, and various other city officials. Flossie Brunson contacted

Councilman Lad Daniels who was instrumental in raising \$300.00 for the lunches that were served after the tour. Various members of the Bus Tour Committee also contributed to refreshments and the continental breakfast. A special thanks was also given to Felicia Bridgewater, Urban Core Coordinator for her assistance and efforts in making the tour a success.

Mayor's Representative

None at this time.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Assistant Chief Ed Johnson announced the next Sheriff's Walk to be held on June 26, 2002. The Walk will cover three blocks beginning at 21st & Pearl Street beginning at 5:30pm and continue at 7:00pm beginning at 8th & Boulevard. Also, discussed the Sheriff's Campaign Sheriff's Campaign against Trash to be held on June 29, 2002 at 9:00am. The Campaign is a clean-up effort for neighborhood within the following boundaries: 21st Street to 27th Street and Pearl Street to I-95. This initiative will be continuous and will travel throughout the cities and target areas in each Planning District. All members from the CPAC and the community are invited to participate. Distributed flyers and answered questions for members and guests.

Neighborhood Services Division

Karen Blutcher announced the State Neighborhoods Conference to be held on September 6-7, 2002 in Tampa, Florida. Those interested in attending are welcome to contact the Neighborhood Service Department for scholarship information.

She also announced that the Code Enforcement Board is looking for new members. CPAC members are encouraged to get involved and support the Board. Those interested in joining the Board should contact Felicia Bridgewater or the Neighborhood Services Office for more information.

Urban Core New Ways Grant Committee

Joann Smith announced that the Urban Core CPAC received an update letter from Baptist Health Group indicating their progress in their grant. To date, their grant activities are moving along successfully and appreciate the opportunity to serve the community.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

None at this time.

Additional Concerns/Issues

- Celia Miller inquired about the recently cancelled Mayor's Town Hall Meeting and if it will be rescheduled. Karen Blutcher stated that the meeting will be rescheduled and the citizens will be promptly notified once the Mayor's Office determines a new date and time.

- Jack Dodge introduced himself as an Ambassador to the Urban Core for Council District #7. He discussed his role in overlooking the Downtown Master Plan and addressed issues that are made in making the Downtown area a better place to live.
- Flossie Brunson directed a question to Frank Cunningham (City of Jacksonville – Bldg. Code Enforcement) regarding improper disposal of trash. Frank informed her that it is up to the citizens to properly dispose of their trash. Any complaints concerning excessive trash or improper disposal should be directed to the City Call Center or the Neighborhood Services Department to be documented in the CARE System.

Special Guests

None at this time.

Announcements

- Celia Miller announced the upcoming Edward Waters Planning Meeting to be held on June 26, 2002 at 7:00 pm in the Milnor Auditorium located on the Edward Waters College campus. Stated that MANIA's next meeting will be held on September 12, 2002 at 6:00 pm at the Schell-Sweet Building located on the Edward Waters College campus. Dr. Carolyn Williams will conduct a workshop on the campaign for Historic Education and Preservation in the Durkeeville community.

Celia also announced the National Trust Historic Preservation Conference to be held on October 8-13, 2002 in Cleveland, Oh. Those interested in attending should call 800-944-NTHP for more information.

- Felicia Bridgewater announced the Jacksonville Weed & Seed's revision of their target area boundaries. The boundaries are Canal Street to I-95 and 20th Street to 44th Street. Also mentioned that the Weed & Seed will host a community-planning workshop on July 15, 2002 at 6:30pm at the Clanzel Brown Community Center. All members and citizens interested in attending are welcome.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

There will not be a meeting in the month of July 2002. The next meeting of the Urban Core CPAC will be held at 5:00 P.M., August 26, 2002 at the Cathedral Terrace Auditorium – 701 N. Ocean Street.