

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

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Meeting Summary Monday, June 7, 2010

Members

Doug Vanderlaan, Chair	Ruth Arnold, 2 nd Mile
Louvenia Tippins, Charter Member – District 8	Beverly Toney, Fresh Ministries
Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.	Deloris & Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard
Paul Tutwiler, NWJCDC	Greg Radlinski, The Parks at the Cathedral
Betty Chance, Planet Watch	Pat LaMountain, Springfield Women's Club

Excused – Dr. Norman, Floree Johnson-McPherson, Yvonne Lane, Janice Love, Elaine Lancaster

Guests

Robenson Joseph, EPA	L'Tonya Spencer, EPA
Caroline Philson, EPA	Carol Miller, JALA
Felicia Boyd, FMB	Dan Legett, FMB
Dr. Kevin Pegg, North Riverside CDC	Diane Kerr, North Riverside CDC
Greg Bruce, The Hester Group	Alberta Hipps, Hipps Group
Levoyus Partlow, M.A.N.I.A.	Reylius Thompson, Mt. Herman/NFCAA
Dani Brinkman, 2 nd Mile	Missi Schock, 2 nd Mile
Roderick Shuman, 2 nd Mile	Evan Bretzmann, 2 nd Mile
Jarred Spacek, 2 nd Mile	Chad Haas, 2 nd Mile
Andrew Vollner, 2 nd Mile	Sarah Schrieber, 2 nd Mile
Therese Chevonne, 2 nd Mile	Brenda Boydson, SPAR
Robert Lyle, ONH	Ennis Davis, Metro Jacksonville
Claude Moulton, SPAR	Monica McVay
Debbie Thompson	Crissie Cudd
Chris Farley	James David Boone
Chris Parrish	David Lawrence
Allan Clotworthy	John Fabiano
Susan Noonan	Randy Campbell
Lewis Lawrence	Hailiug Zhong
Cathy Campbell	Gloria DeVan
Barney Roberts	Frank Noonan
Jim Robinson, Candidate for City Council	Sean Hall, Candidate for City Council

Staff/Resource

Kristina Nelson, COJ Attorney	Jim Manning, Environmental Compliance
Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison	JSO Zone 1 Assistant Chief Chris Butler
Milton Locklear, FDOT	Emery Nauden, Planning
Shorty Robbins, DRCS	Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

Call to Order

Chair Vanderlaan called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street and welcomed everyone. He thanked all the experts for coming.

He said there has not been a lot of discussion but has had updates from The Hester Group with Project New Ground. He introduced all the guests: Dr. Pegg a Toxicologist representing North Riverside CDC, Diane Kerr, President of North Riverside CDC in the Forest Street Site, Felicia Boyd, representing the 5th and Cleveland Street Site, L'Tonya Spencer, Public Affairs Specialist for the EPA, Caroline Philson, EPA Attorney, City of Jacksonville Attorney Kristina Nelson, Environmental Engineer Jim Manning, Site Investigation and Remediation Program, and Greg Bruce, The Hester Group consultant for the City of Jacksonville on Project New Ground.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Arnold made a Motion to accept the May 3, 2010 meeting summary as written; A second was made by Member Tutwiler. Member Miller wanted to be sure that that the transportation Subcommittee report and the FDOT report were listed separately. The Vote: All in favor; None opposed.

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Zone 1 Assistant Chief Chris Butler reported that he had no formal report. There is a slight trend upward on auto thefts. The Jazz Festival was safe and successful. The next event will be the 4th of July. The next ShAdCo meeting for Sector A will be on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the Main Library in room G – 4. Please feel free to attend the meeting or Sector B or C. On the City Jacksonville's website certain crimes can now be reported on line at: <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Sheriffs+Office/Report+a+Crime+Online.htm> For information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org

Guest Speakers

Chair Vanderlaan presented a map of the Urban Core with the Ash Sites circled on the map. He started going over the history of the ash sites but members asked to speak on the issues that he was concerned with.

Chair Vanderlaan's Presentation

Summary, CPAC questions/comments, public questions/comments

Historical responsibility

- City owned/operated incinerators
 - o 1910s to 1960s (1943 per Health Consultation)
- 1999 Lawsuit
- EPA discussions
 - o FDEP since 1996
 - o 1999 Health Consultation, public health hazard, lead and antimony
 - o Remedial Investigation – Phase I and II, 1999-2003
 - o (The sampling took longer than expected due to difficulties in getting signed Access Agreements.)
 - o Human Health and Environmental Risk Assessments
 - o "During sampling for air-borne contaminants, small areas of ash were found in the sampling areas located approximately 3000 feet to the east of the Forest Street and 5th & Cleveland Incinerator sites. The air-borne soil sampling did not indicate wide spread lead contamination, but small areas where ash was dumped. It was decided that these areas did not represent a high risk and that sampling and remediation of the main sites immediately around the incinerators were of higher priority."
- 2008 lawsuit, Consent Decree
- Continued economic responsibility

Health hazard

- Lead and other contaminants
 - o Potential health effects
 - o Actual effects

- Concentration and location

Economic impact

- What did COJ do to protect property values from effect of notice?
- What does COJ know now about property value effects?
- Realtor/lender reports
- Estimate of financial impact
- Is this a surprise to COJ?

Consent Decree

- PRC flag
 - P.16 “directing the.....
 - Even if tests clean?
 - 36 acres
 - Maps
 - Air-borne vs. deposited
 - Communications consistent with CD?
 - What were property owners told?
- Lead from paint
- Access agreement “Taking soil samples for the purpose of investigating historical incineration and ash-disposal operations”
- Once no ash found – testing for lead?
- Is that lead test consistent with access Agreement?
- Is Project New Ground finding lead from paint
- Referring to letter from city – Is COJ arguing that it should not be responsible?

Re proposed resolution

- Does it allow COJ to follow terms of Consent Decree?
- Does it provide means for property owner to protect health?
- Does it provide means for property owner to protect economic well-being?
- If CPAC adopts this, is COJ willing to agree?

Chair Vanderlaan was concerned with the economic impact and the stigma for the neighborhoods. He invited a realtor to talk about what the language on the Property Record Card and what it means to mortgage brokers. Members and guests had concerns on the following:

- That this was not just one neighborhood but the district with all neighborhoods that shared the same concerns.
- The Economic Impact on Urban Core
- The Property Record Cards specifically the language that is on the Property Record Cards (PRC) listed on the City of Jacksonville’s website www.coj.net: Notice: there are or may be hazardous substances on the property. For more information call 904-630-CITY
- Members have been complaining for years on the ash sites and now that more expensive homes in Springfield are being included are outspoken.
- There was a lot of confusion on how the sites were to be cleaned up.
- City of Jacksonville Jim Manning reported that a recent change is when lead is tested and exceeds the lead level it will be remediated. However it will not be more than 2 feet.
- Members were concerned with the health of the residents living in the Eastside in particular the highest lung disease rates.
- EPA Attorney Caroline Philson reminded everyone that the Consent Decree would only cleanup up to 2 feet of dirt. If anyone would dig in the ground the orange mesh would be there at the 2 feet level and should contact the city or the EPA. Members still had

- concerns for future residents that would move in years from now as well as renters.
- Members want the community to be fully informed on all the aspects of the ash and lead. Everyone needs to be on the same page. Project New Ground has been giving updates but not in detail.
- Members have been trying to get information on property values and no one has been listening.
- Members had concerns that one parcel was to be tested in Durkeeville and then the next one would not be tested.
- When lenders look at the Property Record Card that has been tagged with from the City they will not lend money for that property.
- Members had concerns on the definition of the word “site” and the boundaries of each site. There was also confusion on the definition on the OU 1 and OU 2 on the map.
- EPA Attorney Philson did go over the definition of the site that is in the Consent Decree.
- Members talked about amending the Decree to include the economic loss and the equity in the properties. This is a financial crisis.
- Members still have questions on the economic impact, not having the full disclosure and the explanation of the expanded boundaries. They also have residents that have not been tested nor will they be tested. The number of parcels continually changes.
- Members talked about:
 1. removing the notices from all properties outside the 36 acre site
 2. All homeowners in OU1 and OU2 have the right to have their properties tested and remediated.
 3. Give top priority to testing and cleanup around homes where children are at risk or where the families face financial hardship.
 Some members just wanted to get to the heart of the issue by removing all notices on defined sites.
- Members wanted clarification on the JEDC and the Ash sites.
- Members want to be sure that if there is no contamination there would not be any language on the Property Record Card.
- They wanted to know who made the decision to expand the boundaries. They wanted to know how large was the site.
- There was great concern from parents wanting to know what to do about children playing in yards.
- Jim Manning also stated that the City of Jacksonville is committed to the Consent Decree and will not run out of money.
- A suggestion on trying to get stimulus money was made.
- City of Jacksonville Attorney Kristina Nelson spoke about the agreement and the EPA working on the language for the Property Record Cards that would not turn banks away. EPA Attorney Philson said they were hopeful in 2 months or so to have that language in place but she has to go up the chain of command.

Member Radlinski moved that the Urban Core CPAC recommend that the Mayor negotiate with U.S. EPA to revise the required property record card notation to delete cautionary language once a property has been remediated or determined not to be contaminated. A proper second was made by Member Arnold. A lively discussion ensued on the topics listed above. The Vote: All in Favor; none opposed.

L’Tonya Spencer from the EPA told members that Tronix on the Eastside is now a Superfund site and on the National Priorities list. There will be upcoming public meetings on the status of the site. Members would like an update on this at a future CPAC meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

- **A. Philip Randolph Corridor** – Chair Beverly Toney had no report.
- **Homelessness and Panhandling** – Chair Greg Radlinski reported that at the next ShAdCo meeting the JEDC was looking at reconfiguring properties. It will be on June 22nd.

- **Transportation** – Chair Celia Miller reported that the TPO last Wednesday discussed the TIP priority list of 20 projects that are pending and encourage members to attend the transportation regional meeting that FDOT Milton Locklear reported on which will be on June 16.
- **Vacant Properties** – Chair Doug Vanderlaan had no report. A question on if there was a timeframe was asked and currently there is a limited time frame. Questions were asked on foreclosures and notices to investor or abandoned property owners that have been cited for multi violations that may relate to Ordinance 2010-327.
- **Urban Core Vision Plan** – Chair Vanderlaan did attend the Vision Plan Steering Committee meeting and did report to them the motion that was made and passed by the Urban Core CPAC. Member Tutwiler reported that the Committee adopted the plan and made some changes to the plan like having the Conservation District for older neighborhoods. The Plan will have to go to the City Council for approval.

Chairperson's Report

- Urban Core CPAC Member Tippins TRUE Commission term will expire at the end of June. Chair Vanderlaan asked members if anyone would like to represent the Urban Core on the TRUE Commission. Member Tippins spoke on how interesting the meetings are. They meet on the first Thursday at 4 p.m. at City Hall once a month but you may have to work on other committees. The Committee makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council. They research how the money is being spent. Member Betty Chance volunteered.

Staff Reports

Mayor's Representative – Carolyn Shehee-Williams had no report. She can be reached at 630-1994 or CSHEHEE@coj.net

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Milton Locklear had one item: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at the FDOT Office located at 2198 Edison Ave. from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on the Florida Transportation Plan Horizon 2060. Your input is needed for future transportation issues. Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

Planning and Development – Emery Nauden had no report. He did remind members that if they have questions on properties with signs to take the numbers down so that they could respond to the correct address. Members asked about the Standard Feed Property E – 26. Planner Nauden said the application was filled, and was advertised in the Daily Record. Property owners within 300 feet were also noticed on this change. Members did not think the information on this was done in a timely manner. Emery Nauden can be reached at 255-7825 or enauden@coj.net

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

- The pools are open on weekdays and weekends.
- There are 8 camps that still have openings available.
- On Friday, June 18 the Summer Night Lights (SNL) Program will kick off.

Members asked about installed lights at the Raymond E. Davis Park on East Spires Street. Shorty will check on this. Shorty Robbins can be reached at 255-7915 or shortyr@coj.net

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

Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- JHCDC (Jacksonville Housing and Community Development Commission) Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, **June 16**, 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 a list of homes go to www.nspjax.com For info on Jacksonville's economic stimulus efforts 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 that are hazmat certified. 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 questions for the TAG (Technical Advisor Grant) groups, please feel free to contact them: **5th & Cleveland** - Wealth Watchers, Carrie Davis, 265-4736; **Forest Street** - North Riverside CDC, Diane Kerr, 387-0332; **Brown's Dump** - NJCDC, Paul Tutwiler, 764-1805; **Lonnie Miller**- Helpful Citizens, Bernard Wilson, 509-6484. 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, June 17, 2010** at 4 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor.

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

City Council - City Council - Officer Installation Ceremony - **Thursday, June 24, 2010** at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, Council Chamber. The ceremony is held to install the Honorable John D. "Jack" Webb as the 2010-2011 Council President, and the Honorable Stephen C. Joost as the 2010-2011 Council Vice President. The term begins on July 1, 2010. City Council meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, Council Chamber.

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

Upcoming Meetings

- DDRB-Downtown Development Review Board Meeting -2 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month in the Police & Fire Pension Building, 1 West Adams St., Suite 200. Contact Jim Klement, Redevelopment Coordinator, at (904) 630-2689 or at jklement@coj.net
- Empowerment/Enterprise Zone Development Agency Board Meeting - Wednesday, July 21, 2010 1:00 p.m. at the Beaver Street Enterprise Center, 1225 W. Beaver Street. For info contact: Karen Underwood, 630-1906, karenu@coj.net

SAVE the DATE

- 14th Annual Florida Neighborhoods Conference - July 8-10, 2010 Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront
- National Night Out - Tuesday, August 3, 2010 - to support law enforcement

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

- Winn Dixie presents Movies in the Park - Friday, **June 11, 2010** at 7 pm movie starts at dusk at Crystal Springs Park, 10151 Crystal Springs Rd. Come and see the stars under the stars! Contact: call 630-4100
- Blue Cross Blue Shield presents Flick and Float - Friday, **June 25, 2010** at 6:30 p.m. movies starts at dusk- Julius Guinyard Pool - 1359 Jefferson Street. Come test your skills in the pool with several games, float races, and fun challenges; then at night fall enjoy a movie and refreshments. For info call 255-7911.
- **Summer Night Lights** - Movie Night at 7 p.m., (movie starts at dusk) - Come enjoy a free family friendly movie under the stars. For information call 630-CITY:
 - o Saturday, June 26, 2010 Mitchell Center - 1010 Acorn St.
 - o Saturday, July 10, 2010 Clanzel Brown Park - 4545 Moncrief Rd.
 - o Saturday, July 17, 2010 Robert Kennedy Park - 1133 Ionia St.
 - o Saturday, July 24, 2010 Charles Clark Park - 8793 Sibbald Rd.
 - o Saturday, July 31, 2010 Mary Lena Gibbs Park - 6974 Wilson Blvd.
- Winn Dixie presents Movies in the Park - Friday, **July 16, 2010** at 7 pm movie starts at dusk, Memorial Park - 1620 Riverside Ave. It's movie time again at Memorial Park! For information call 630-CITY

Downtown - Riverside Arts Market - Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville.

When to Water Your Yard -No irrigation is allowed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Wednesday and Saturday for residential landscape irrigation at addresses that end in an odd number or have no address and Thursday and Sunday for residential landscape irrigation at addresses that end in an even number.

***City Link - where to go when you need to know 630-CITY (630-2489) www.coj.net** *Please have the exact address and get a tracking number to follow up.

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer can be reached at 255-8236 or Mfharmer@coj.net

Announcements - none.

Meeting in July

Chair Vanderlaan wanted to have a July meeting since so much is going on. He will coordinate the time and place with Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer. July 5 is a City of Jacksonville

holiday therefore the meeting may be Monday, July 12, 2010.

Public Comments

- Former Council Member Alberta Hipps reminded members that the Internet Café Ordinance 2010-326 that she spoke to the UC CPAC last month will be going before the City Council committees next week. She is against the Internet Cafes.
- Chair Vanderlaan wanted to be fair and wanted members to know that Former Mayor Jake Godbold was here before the meeting. He is for the Internet Cafes.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **July 12, 2010**

Date Change due to the 4th of July Holiday.

at 5 p.m. in Training Room 110 in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

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