

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Meeting Location: Main Library – room G4 - 303 N. Laura St.

Chair: Dr. Janetta Norman 355-7822

Vice Chair: Bishop E. M. Johnson 343-7206

Mayor's Representative: Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636

Neighborhood Coordinator: Adrianne Ligon 630-7131 aligon@coj.net



Meeting Summary Monday, April 2, 2007

Members

Janetta Norman	E. M. Johnson	Ruth Arnold
Floree McPherson	Doug Vanderlaan	Michael Hartman
Luellen B. Logan		

Guests

Walter Thomas	Daniel Herbin	Eartha Bryant
Nicola Johnson	Stephen Dare	Susan Noonan
Kevin Costner	Victoria Pennington	Suraya Teeple
Mark Niles	Ennis Davis	

Staff/Resource

Adrianne Ligon	Marvin Echols	David Roe
Carolyn Shehee-Williams	James Green	

Call to Order

Chair Dr. Norman called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and a quorum was verified.

Remarks – Chair

Dr. Norman greeted everyone in attendance and invited guests to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Guest Speaker/Presentation

- Ennis Davis from Metro Jacksonville gave a presentation on the "Impact of Mass Transit on Inner City Neighborhoods; S-Line." Copies of PowerPoint presentation were made available.
- Mark Niles and Suraya Teeple from JTA gave a presentation on "Rapid Transit System Phase One: Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design Study." Attendees were invited to attend a Rapid Transit System public meeting April 19 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the main library. Meeting details can be found at JTA's Web site (www.jtaonthemove.com).
- Victoria Pennington from Marketing and Public Affairs gave a presentation on the FDOT 511 Information System (see jax511.com). Reference material was provided to the CPAC.

Subcommittee Reports

Environmental – Michael Hartman informed the CPAC that no official word has been received about the Noah grant.

Membership – no report

Bus Tour – Mrs. McPherson announced that the bus tour is scheduled May 10. Arrangements have been made with Joel McEachin to serve as tour guide. Tony Nelson has agreed to allow us to meet at the Ben Durham Business Center (BBIC) and also to provide breakfast and a snack for the bus tour participants. Suggestions for the route were requested. Chair Norman recommended that the tour include areas that have been improved as well as problem areas.

Staff Reports

Mayor's Representative - no report

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – no report

Duval County Public Schools – no report

Neighborhood Services Division – Adrienne Ligon encouraged everyone to attend the 2007 Mayor's Housing and Neighborhoods Summit at the Prime Osborn Convention Center on April 3 from 1 – 8:30 p.m. even if they haven't registered. Registrations will be accepted at the door. The committee was reminded of the Housing and Neighborhoods Department move. Contact information was made available.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – James Green announced that starting Monday, April 16 only westbound (towards downtown) traffic will be allowed on the Mathews Bridge, and eastbound traffic will be detoured.

Planning and Development – Marvin Echols presented one zoning exception request (4 COP/SRX) that was submitted by Jax Casual Dining, LLC to serve alcohol, beer, and wine for a special use within a restaurant. The hearing on the matter is scheduled April 26, 2007.

Duval County Health Department – no report

Code Enforcement – no report

Additional Comments, Concerns, Discussion

- A motion was made by Michael Hartman to form a subcommittee that will look into important issues that affect the urban core and recommend speakers. The motion was seconded. Chair Norman appointed Mr. Hartman to chair the subcommittee and Ruth Arnold volunteered to serve with him.
- Walter Thomas, Downtown Vision, asked to be contacted by anyone that knows of a church that would like to get involved with cleaning up downtown "one block at a time."
- Discussion took place after the two transit presentations were given. Stephen Dare, a downtown business owner, pointed out that the community of downtown business owners have two opposing opinions regarding the downtown transit system.

Adjournment The chair adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

**The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m.
May 7, 2007, at the Main Library, room G-4, 303 N. Laura St.**