

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Meeting Location: Main Library – Conference Room G 4 – 303 N. Laura St.

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

Vice Chair: Louvenia Tippins 355-8841

Mayor's Representative: Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1994 cshehee@coj.net

Neighborhood Coordinator: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer 255-8236 mfharmer@coj.net



Meeting Summary Monday, April 7, 2008

Members

Rex Williams, Chairman	Ruth Arnold, 2 nd Mile Ministries
Geraldine Walker, 12 th Street Loyalty	Dr. Janetta Norman, Charter Member
Lula Brown, Eastside Resource Center	Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.
Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard	Ashley Strickland, MaliVai Washington Kids
Eula Canty, Planet Watch	Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR Council
Floree Johnson-McPherson, Springfield Watch	Susan Noonan, Springfield Women's Club

Excused

Luellen Logan, Jocelyn Turner, Yvonne Lane, Deloris Swain, Felicia Myrick

Guests

Doria Baker, Fresh Ministries	Teara Carroll
Levoyus Partlow, M.A.N.I.A.	

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison	JSO Sgt. Danny Yul
Milton Locklear, FDOT	Craig Teal, FDOT
Emery Nauden, Planning	Denise Ostertag, Adult Services
Devron Cody and Katie Urban, Municipal Code Compliance	
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD	

Call to Order

Chairperson Williams called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. in the Main Library in Conference Room G-4 with a moment of silence and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made with new members, guests and staff.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Dr. Norman made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 3, 2008 meeting. A second was made by Member Johnson- McPherson. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Guest Speaker

- Craig Teal, FDOT, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Jacksonville Transportation Center. It will be a new Transportation HUB for all modes of transportation. It will be built in phases. It plans to have the following:
 - Skyway Module consisting of: parking, bus rapid transit stations, retail and pedestrian plaza.
 - JTA Bus Facility Module consisting of: JTA bus bays, parking, elevated pedestrian bridge connection, and retail.

Guest Speaker - Craig Teal, FDOT Continued

- o Inter-city Bus Module consisting of: Greyhound bus facility (agreement but no funding yet), terminal building, loading and unloading for 18 buses, layover and maintenance, bus parking for 17 buses, bus wash, fuel and dump facilities and modifications to the McDaniel Building.
- o JTA Office and Regional Transportation Management Center Facility Module consisting of: office building with 60, 000 square feet, Regional Transportation Management Center and central facility for the security system and public announcement system.
- o They are working on an agreement with Amtrak/Commuter rail to occupy the Grand Ballroom in the Prime Osborn Convention Center as well as have above ground walkway platforms.

These are proposals if the funding is available. It is expected to cost approximately \$150 million dollars. Currently there is no funding for Greyhound or Amtrak. Phase one is expected to start in July 2009 and be completed in Jan. 2011. Members had numerous questions and would like a brochure of the project. Some of the questions involved environmental issues with McCoy's Creek. Members had concerns for the Park-N-Ride for the Jaguar games but were told there would be more parking available but would not be free. Members also had concerns about the environmental cleanup from the ash sites and if neighbors would be displaced. Craig Teal can be reached at 386-961-7703 or craig.teal@dot.state.fl.us

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Sgt. Danny Yul took over the bike Sgt. Position and was asked to come and fill in for Sgt. Perkins. He talked about Operation Safe Street with the 70 officers deployed in zones 1, 5 and 3. They are below the national average on the number of officers and hope to get more on the street. There will be 40 graduating in May. They are hoping to get more officers especially in the Narcotics Division. They have not increased the number of offices since 1990. Zone 1 has been making arrests on homeless people that are doing illegal and illicit acts in the Urban Core. For information call the Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org

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

Duval County Public Schools – Not present

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – *Milton Locklear had no report but answered questions on the I-95/ I-10 DOT project which is ahead of schedule and is expected to be complete in the summer of 2011. It is expected to cost approximately \$150 million dollars. Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us*

Planning and Development – Planner Emery Nauden reported that there was one issue:
E-08-24 2811 Moncrief Rd. Mr. Solomon's Barber Shop with 2 chairs.
Planner Nauden can be reached at 630-0258 or enauden@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance – Officer Devron Cody had no report but was available to take concerns. He introduced Officer Katie Urban that works in Zone 1. Municipal Code Enforcement can be reached at 391-3600 or psafety@coj.net

Department of Health – Not present but 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:

- The **Jacksonville Journey** meetings are almost over and there will be meetings for community input tentatively scheduled for: Thursday, May 15, 22, 29 and June 5. The Steering Committee will meet on Apr. 24, 1-5 p.m. to adopt final recommendations to submit to the mayor. The live meeting audio will be available. For more information, visit <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey> or call Kandi Begue at 630-4999.
- **Housing and Neighborhoods Department**, Community Development Division Coordinators in cooperation with Jacksonville Journey and JSO's Crime Free Multi-Family Housing, are beginning neighborhood associations apartments considered "hot spots" by JSO. Meetings have taken place at Cleveland Arms Apartments and are scheduled later this month at Eureka Gardens.
- **Department of Health**, please continue to view the Unnatural Causes series on WJCT at 10pm. There will be Town Hall meetings after the series ends. For information call *Jocelyn E. Turner, Director Community Relations & Health Promotion at 253-2037* or Jocelyn.Turner@doh.state.fl.us Website: www.dchd.net
- **COJ Franchise Fee:** The City of Jacksonville Franchise Fee went into effect on April 1, 2008 by a City Ordinance that was passed in November 2007. The Ordinance directs JEA to collect the fee on behalf of the City, which receives all of the revenue produced by the fee. The franchise fee is a 3 percent fee on the electric, water, irrigation and sewer usage of JEA customers living in the city of Jacksonville. For more information, visit www.coj.net or call 630-CITY (2489).
- **Solid Waste Fee:** In May, 2008 bills for the new solid waste fee will arrive from the Tax Collector. The solid waste fee will be \$3 per month per [dwelling unit](#) from April to September, 2008. The fee will increase to \$4 per month per dwelling unit on October 1, 2008. For a single-family detached home, the May 2008 bill will reflect a solid waste charge of \$30 for nine months of solid waste fee charges, from April 1 to December 31, 2008 (\$3.00 x 6 months + \$4.00 x 3 months). Starting in 2009, bills will arrive in April and reflect charges for the whole calendar year (January through December). Jacksonville residents have not been charged solid waste fees in the past although Jacksonville spends more than \$42 million annually to collect garbage (about \$11 per household each month). The city instituted the solid waste fee to ensure government would continue to provide that service. Collection schedules and waste haulers are planned to remain the same as before the fee went into effect. For more information, visit www.coj.net or call 630-CITY (2489).
- **Stormwater Fees:** In May, 2008, bills for the new Stormwater Fee will arrive from the Tax Collector. The bill will reflect six months of stormwater fee charges, from July 1 to December 31, 2008. Starting in 2009, the bills will arrive in April and reflect charges for the whole calendar year (January through December). Residents' fees are based on the amount of impervious area on the property. Impervious area does not allow water to percolate directly into the ground, for example the house, patio, driveway and shed. The average homeowner will pay \$5 per month, or \$30 for the first bill and \$60 annually. [501\(c\)\(3\) organizations and those meeting certain income criteria are eligible to be exempt from the stormwater fee.](#) Other property owners may be eligible for fee discounts through [adjustments](#) or [credits](#). For more information, visit www.coj.net or call 630-CITY (2489).
- **Free Income Tax Assistance** The RealSense Prosperity Campaign, a locally-based coalition of agencies, nonprofits and businesses working in partnership to improve the financial outlook for Northeast Florida citizens, and its longtime partner, the City of Jacksonville, will host an Economic Stimulus Package Tax Blitz Day. The RealSense volunteer tax team will prepare free tax returns for eligible citizens (citizens who don't normally file a tax return such as seniors and veterans) at four City of Jacksonville Senior Centers throughout the community. Tax teams will be available at the following locations on Thursday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Arlington: Arlington Senior Center, 1078 Rogero Road, Westside: Lane Wiley Senior Center, 6710 Wiley Road, Northside: Lincoln Villa Senior Center, 7866 New Kings Road, Downtown: Mary Singleton Senior Center, 150 E. First St.
During the tax season each year, several of the branches of the Jacksonville Public Library serve as sites for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Through cooperation with the [RealSense Prosperity Campaign](#) and the [American Association of Retired Persons \(AARP\)](#), this service is provided from February through April.
- **Jacksonville Jazz Festival**, April 11-13, The Florida Theatre and Metropolitan Park. Performers include Cassandra Wilson, Dave Koz, Najee, Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band and many more. To purchase tickets and for complete festival information, visit www.jaxjazzfest.com
- **2008 National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 13-19**

Monday, April 14	Tuesday, April 15
1:00 p.m. - Hemming Plaza	5:30 p.m. - The Jacksonville Landing
<i>Victims' Rights Week Kickoff Press Conference</i>	<i>Strength in Unity March (Across the Main Street Bridge to</i>
1:45 p.m. - Victim Services Center	<i>Friendship Fountain)</i>
Open House, 403 W. 10th Street, Jacksonville, FL	6:00 p.m. Friendship Fountain – Memorial Tribute/Vigil
Thursday, April 17	
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. - Hyatt Regency Jacksonville	
Riverfront Hotel, 225 E. Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, FL	
<i>Workshop: The Impact of Violent Crime on Youth</i>	
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Victims' Rights Week Annual Awards Luncheon	

For more information about Victims' Rights Week, contact Kay Davis (904) 345-0076 ext. 345 or Pat Alexander (904) 630-6331, or visit www.coj.net keyword VAAC.

- **National Holocaust Month:** Exhibit Apr. 2 – 30. In honor of National Holocaust Month, you are cordially invited to visit the "Letters to Sala" exhibit. The exhibit centers on letters smuggled to a teenage concentration-camp inmate who managed to amass and save more than 350 letters during her five years of internment in a total of seven Nazi camps in Germany, Poland, and Czechoslovakia. Also visit the Library's Holocaust Collection in the Fourth Floor's Grand Reading Room. [Main Library](#), Fourth-Floor East Atrium, 303 North Laura St. For more information call 333-2262 or 630-1420.
- **Internet Safety:** April 15, 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Teens and parents are welcome to join a class on internet safety and how it relates to social networking. Free. Pre-registration required. Main Library, Room 124 E-classroom. For details call Keli at 630-0673.
- **Artwalk** in Downtown Jacksonville, May 7, 2008. Free Self-Guided Tours with monthly venues. For more info. contact Michelle Brooks at 634-0303, ext. 230.
- **DOWNTOWN DEBUT OF MOVIES IN THE PARK:** Free Movies in the Park at Treaty Oak, Jessie Ball DuPont Park, 1123 Prudential Drive, each Friday in April, 8 p.m.. Lawn chairs and picnic baskets okay. No alcoholic beverages. Free parking at Suddath Garage between Suddath and Hampton Inn.
- Not Just for Baby Boomers Film Series: **Free showings of Baby Boomers' favorite films**, 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 5:45 p.m., Main Library, Hicks Auditorium. For a complete list of movies visit <http://jpl.coj.net/progs/main/notjustforboomers.html>

For information about educational and recreational opportunities, please visit www.JaxParks.com.

To learn about classes and events at the library please visit www.coj.net.

Senior Centers will be hosting Open Houses from 2-4 p.m. except where noted:

Louis Dinah Senior Center	1805 Flag Street, Jacksonville, FL 32209	630-0728	June 24, 2008 at 2 p.m.
Hammond Senior Center	3312 W 12th Street, Jacksonville, FL 32205	786-8554	April 9, 2008 at 2 p.m.
J. S. Johnson Senior Center	1112 Jackson Street, Jacksonville, FL 32220	630-0949	April 17, 2008 at 9 a.m.
Moncrief Senior Center	5710 Castellano Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32209	764-0330	May 1, 2008 at 2 p.m.
Riverview Senior Center	9620 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32208	765-7511	April 24, 2008 at 9 a.m.

SAVE the DATE:

- Florida Neighborhoods Conference – June 26-28, 2008 in Tallahassee. **Access to the site is through the City of Tallahassee site** <http://www.talgov.com/dncs/fnc/index.cfm> or directly to the registration site <http://fnc.imarcsgroup.com/home/>.
- 2008 National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 5, 2008
- Seniors Residents – For information on upcoming events call 630-7392
 - 5-21-08 Senior Expo Prime Osborn Convention Center

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

Chairman's Report

- Chairman Williams passed around a questionnaire to fill out on your top three concerns for the UC CPAC to work on. So far we have Member Hartman's and the Childhood Obesity and School Board from Member Vanderlaan. The School Board had been contacted to get a speaker for the May meeting. If you have not completed the form please turn it in at the next UC CPAC meeting.
- Please be sure to take time to read Marilyn's monthly report. It has great information to be passed on to your neighborhood group.
- If you haven't turned in your updated contact information sheet with your neighborhood meeting listed please do so as soon as possible.
- The Florida Neighborhood Conference is June 26-28 in Tallahassee. Everyone is on your own. The registration fee is \$45 for all events. At the next meeting there will be a sign up sheet to see who would like to car pool to go to the conference since the city is not sponsoring a bus this year. Member Norman would like to see the city or JTA have a bus this year. Members would like to have a letter from the city to ask for sponsors for this event.
- Members would like to have speakers from Solid Waste and Animal Care and Control come to future meetings.

Announcements/Public Comments -

- Denise Ostertag, Adult Services, talked about the handout on some of the services available for our seniors.
 - RSVP has openings available and if qualified could receive a tax free stipend to work with children.
 - Become a SWAT volunteer doing crafts.
 - All Senior Centers have walking clubs and are surpassing their goals.
 - Members asked questions about transportation for seniors to the centers – which are available and free. She will be a guest speaker in June and talk about all of the programs that are available in the Adult Services Division. Denise can be reached at 630-4908.
- Member Ashley Strickland from the Mal Washington Kids Foundation had flyers available and invited everyone to come to the kids4kids Carnival on Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the new MaliVai Washington Youth Center (6th & Payne Street). On the back of the flyer is a coupon for half off \$5 or children can write an essay on how to improve their neighborhood/community.
- Member Strickland also invited everyone to the Grand Opening of the new Youth Center on Friday, May 16 at 3 p.m. Members wanted to know the hours of operation for the Center – the regular hours for the new center will be:
 - Administration from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Children - 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn

Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Chairperson Williams thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on **Monday, May 5, 2008**
at 5 p.m. in the Main Library, Conference Room G-4, 303 N. Laura St.

Submitted by:

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer

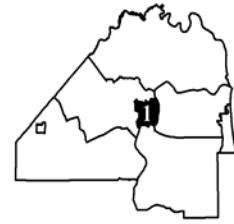
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You are cordially invited to attend community meetings to hear about these action steps, provide your feedback and learn how you can help create a safer, more prosperous Jacksonville.

May 15: FCCJ North Campus, Zeke Bryant Auditorium, 4501 Capper Road, 32218

May 22: Clanzel Brown Community Center, 4575 Moncrief Road, 32209

May 29: FCCJ South Campus, Wilson Center for the Arts, 11901 Beach Blvd., 32246

June 5: FCCJ Kent Campus, Main Auditorium, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., 32205

The Jacksonville Journey information and volunteer fair begins at 5:30 p.m. and committee presentations begin at 6:30 p.m.

2008 UC CPAC Meeting Dates

Meetings begin at 5pm

Monday, June 2, 2008

July - No Meeting

Monday, August 4, 2008

Thursday, September 4, 2008 (Note day change due to holiday)

Monday, October 6, 2008

Monday, November 3, 2008

December – No Meeting

*If you have any questions please call Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Coordinator
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