

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 Lathrop 255-8259 aligon@coj.net



Meeting Summary Monday, Aug. 6, 2007

Members

Janetta Norman
Luellen B. Logan
Floree McPherson
Jean Tolbert
Susan Noonan

E. M. Johnson
Doug Vanderlaan
Louvenia Tippins
Rex Williams
Michael Hartman

Johnny B. Swain
Deloris Swain
Leona Bessent
Ruth Arnold

Guests

Kathleen Bowles

Susan Coughlin

Staff/Resource

Adrianne Ligon
Lorrie DeFrank
Jocelyn Turner

Marvin Echols
Carolyn Shehee-Williams
Mary Beth Ridderman

Milton Locklear
David Roe
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer

Call to Order

Chairperson Norman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A quorum was not reached at the beginning of the meeting.

Guest Speakers

Kathy Bowles, Duval County Public Schools – Safe and Healthy Schools, gave a presentation on health education in our schools. She explained that Health Education is covered under the Florida Statutes. The Sunshine State Standards include health and physical education and they parallel national standards. She emphasized the focus on (1) health literacy, (2) responsible health and physical behavior, and (3) advocacy for health and physical education. The desired outcome is to give children the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills to make the right choice. She fielded questions regarding students' access to vending machines, the availability of junk food, required exercise, menus, and the implementation of recommendations outlined in the Duval County Health Department report. Members of CPAC were encouraged to join any of the various coalitions established to affect positive change in the health of our school aged children and to contact their legislators with concerns regarding physical education requirements. It was also recommended to direct any inquiries about school menus to Aramark. At the request of Chair Norman, she will send informational brochures to the coordinator for distribution at the next meeting. She also indicated that additional information could be found at www.dreamsbeginhere.org.

Subcommittee Reports

Chair Norman redefined the subcommittees as follows: (1) Research – chaired by Michael Hartman, (2) Land Use, Planning and Zoning – chaired by Rex Williams (members: Susan Noonan, Louvenia Tippins, and Doug Vanderlaan), and (3) Youth, Schools, and Recreation – chaired by Doug Vanderlaan (member: Deloris Swain, subject matter expert: Jocelyn Turner)

Staff Reports

Mayor's Representative - Carolyn Shehee-Williams reported that she spoke with Kerri Stuart, director of the Housing and Neighborhoods Department, regarding the status of the anti-foreclosure program. She stated that the city is merely a vehicle for the federal and state dollars that fund the program. The program isn't in jeopardy; however, it is undergoing restructuring.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office - Officer Wallace Butler announced that recently there has been an increase in nuisance related complaints such as panhandling. The majority of complaints involve drugs. He also reported, "This CPAC has more arrests and better response time than the others."

Duval County Public Schools - Kathy Bowles, Supervisor of Health Education, made a presentation as a guest speaker.

Neighborhood Services Division - Neighborhood Services Division Chief Lorrie DeFrank explained the changes in the revised Executive Order No. 2007-04 and By-laws. She also discussed the purposes and procedures of CPAC subcommittees. See attached outlines. Neighborhood coordinator Adrienne Lathrop announced the 24th Annual National Night for Neighborhood Watch Programs will be on Tuesday, August 7. The Toolkit training program will be on Tuesday, September 11 and the JEA Phelps Street Conversion (electric conversion) project will begin.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) - no report

Planning and Development - Marvin Echols distributed a revised flyer with date changes for the upcoming City of Jacksonville 2010 Comprehensive Plan, Evaluation and Appraised Report (EAR), workshops and meetings. He reported that the Planning Commission approved the measure to move forward with the location of the recycling plant. State and Federal approval is pending. The committee was informed that the area is already zoned industrial so the applicant has the right to file for an exception. Because they can legally meet the conditions of the lands classification of zoning, Michael Hartman suggested that the committee oppose the plant when they submit their Certificate of Need. He indicated that it was a necessary procedural step and they can be apposed during this process. Chair Norman recommended that we hear both sides before coming to a conclusion. Wynetta Wright is working with an environmental group and they've collected signatures opposing the recycling plant.

Code Enforcement - Senior Code Enforcement Officer David Roe reported that because it's growing season, the case load is high but they have a good response time of two days or less. He also expressed appreciation for the information being received from the citizens through the CARE system. Emphasis is on rooming houses in the Springfield area to ensure they are zoned correctly.

Adjournment The chair adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is scheduled on **Sept. 6, 2007** at 5 p.m.
in the Main Library, room G-4, 303 N. Laura St.