

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

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

Chairman: *Dr. Janetta Norman 355-7822*

Vice Chairman: *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, February 5, 2007

Members

Janetta Norman
E. M. Johnson
Betty Chance
Catherine Morton
Delores Swain
Doug Vanderlaan

Eula Canty
Flore McPherson
Gerre Walker
Jean Tolbert
Johnny Swain
Leona Bassent

Luellen B. Logan
Michael Hartman
Rex Williams
Ruth Arnold
Veronica James
Louvenia B. Tippins

Guests

Eugenia Johnson

Carolyn Anderson

Walter Thomas

Staff/Resource

Adrianne Ligon
Carolyn Shehee-Williams

Jocelyn Turner
Marvin Echols
Milton Locklear

Prentis Clayton
Sgt. Danny Perkins

Call to Order

Chair Dr. Norman called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and a quorum was verified.

Remarks – Chair

Dr. Norman greeted everyone in attendance. Members, staff and guest were invited to introduce themselves. Gratitude was expressed for the wonderful job Floree McPherson and Luellen B. Logan have done each month in providing refreshments for the committee. The Valentine's Day decorations were also acknowledged. All CPAC members were encouraged to contribute to the Hospitality Committee.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Guest Speakers/Presentations

Prentis Clayton presented the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization Commuter Services Program which outlines commuting challenges our city faces and commuting alternatives that will decrease traffic congestion. Informational packets were provided.

Sub-Committee Reports

Environmental – Michael Hartman announced that he's received word that the funding for the Hogans Creek project will probably be denied.

Membership – Douglas Vanderlaan reported that he is continuing to work with Adrianne Ligon, neighborhood coordinator, to identify and contact potential CPAC members. He encouraged members to invite individuals to our meetings that represent organizations within the Urban Core. Maps and membership criteria will be provided at future meetings.

Staff Reports

Mayor's Representative – No report

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Sgt. Perkins announced that Lt. Elizabeth Kenny has recently been assigned to represent JSO at the Urban Core CPAC meetings. If unable to attend, she will ensure that an officer from the unit attends.

Duval County Public Schools – No report

Neighborhood Services Division – Adrienne Ligon reported the following:

- Neighborhood Services Chief Lorrie DeFrank has made contact with Duval County Public Schools in pursuit of a representative for the CPAC.
- Save the date for the next Urban Core Town Hall meeting scheduled May 21 (time & location to be determined).
- 2007 Mayor's Housing and Neighborhoods Summit will be held at the Prime Osborn Convention Center on April 3 from 1 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and nomination forms for the Mayor's awards were made available

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Milton Locklear distributed information and announced the following: (1) Status of the Mathews Bridge reconstruction project. (2) The Main Street (4th St. - 12th St.) streetscape is projected to begin next year. (3) He encouraged individuals interested in providing input to JTA about the rapid transit system, between downtown and the four corridors, attend a meeting in the Main Library tomorrow from 11:30 – 1 and 4 – 6 p.m. (4) The first of next year FDOT will start updating their regional plan and usually a representative from CPAC is invited to participate in the process of ranking transit and highway projects. To affect change, he suggested we make sure that UC CPAC has a representative on the Long Range Planning Committee.

Planning and Development – Marvin Echols presented zoning requests and hearing dates for the following: (1) Change zoning from single family to multi-unit at the corner of Myrtle and 5th St. W. (2) Zoning waiver to reduce the required minimum distance for a liquor license location between Bay and Forsyth downtown. (3) Waiver of road frontage for a property located in Springfield to allow owner to put two additional houses on a single lot.

Duval County Health Department – Jocelyn Turner distributed health related information including the "Evidence Based Policy Development for the Prevention of Childhood Obesity" report. She will arrange for a presentation at a future meeting.

Code Enforcement – no report

Additional Comments, Concerns, Discussion

- Michael Hartman made a motion for the CPAC to send a letter to the City Council in support of the selection of Brad Thoburn for permanent appointment to Director of Planning and Development. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Michael Hartman requested a review of the Growth Management Task Force document to find out what avenues of influence were outlined for CPAC's.
- Luellen Logan requested information about the Inn on Golfair. Bishop Johnson reported that the property has changed ownership. They are working to bring property up to code and are scheduled to open this spring or summer.
- Doug Vanderlaan requested to have a Duval County Public Schools representative speak about policies regarding health related and other issues.

Adjournment The chair adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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