

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 630-1636 cshehe@coj.net

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



Meeting Summary Monday, February 4, 2008

Members

Rex Williams, Chair

Ruth Arnold, 2nd Mile Ministries

Luellen Logan, 29th & Chase

Lula Brown, Eastside Resource Center

Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard

Eula Canty, Planet Watch

Floree Johnson-McPherson, Springfield Watch

Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chair

Geraldine Walker, 12th Street Loyalty

Dr. Janetta Norman, Charter Member

Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.

Michael Hartman, The Parks at the Cathedral

Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR Council

Susan Noonan, Springfield Women's Club

Excused

Yvonne Lane

Guests

Jackie Lattimore, Destiny for Change

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison

JSO Officer D. L. Perkins

Emery Nauden, Planning

Elaine Lancaster and Devron Cody, Municipal Code Compliance

Milton Locklear, FDOT

Ken Pinnix, Chief Community Development

Marvin Echols, Planning

Jocelyn Turner, DOH

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

Call to Order

Chairperson Williams called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. in the Main Library in Conference Room G-4 with a moment of silence and welcomed everyone.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Dr. Norman made a Motion to accept the minutes from the January 7, 2008 meeting. A second was made by Member Logan. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Sgt. Perkins had no report but would like to get on the March Agenda for a report on Operation Safe Streets. Members were concerned with the crime in the neighborhoods as well as the amount of trash. He can be reached at the Gateway Sub Station 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 can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

Planning and Development – Planner Marvin Echols introduced the new UC CPAC Planner Emery Nauden. Emery can be reached at 630-0258 or enauden@coj.net. The Urban Core Visioning Community Forum will be this Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008 at the Main Library Auditorium from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Ransom at 630-1874 or lransom@coj.net or Adrienne Lathrop at 630-1446 or alathrop@coj.net. Members had numerous questions on this Forum – if there was money available to enact it, if it will sit on a shelf with other plans like the Hogan's Creek Visioning and what the time frame of the plan will be. Members were encouraged to go to the meeting and ask these same questions. Member Vanderlaan wanted to know if light rail will be included in this visioning and if in the near future the UC CPAC can take a position on the future of light rail. FDOT Milton Locklear reminded members that there will be a presentation on the JTA Transportation HUB in April. Planner Echols can be reached at 630-2414 or mechols@coj.net.

ECD – Municipal Code Compliance – Supervisor Elaine Lancaster presented the following report:

- In the Urban Core there are 1682 active cases: 234 in the Eastside, 401 in the Mid Westside and 446 in Springfield.
- This month they will focus on Longbranch and unsafe structures that have been in the system for 3 years or longer. To date 5 houses have been approved for demo.
- Members wanted to thank them for taking down the structure at 316 W. 12th Street that took more than 12 years.
- They have started to handle some zoning issues with their cross training. They are continuing to work on a convenience store that remains open after hours. The business will get a \$258 ticket if they are open. The store is in the application process of trying to change their time to remain open till 10 p.m. Members asked for the address which is located at 1452 Myrtle Ave.

Supervisor Lancaster can be reached at 391-3520 or the main office number at 391-3600.

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

- **MANDATORY Meeting for ALL CPAC members for Ethics Training at the next UC CPAC meeting on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 5p.m.** at Main Library Conference Room G - 4, 303 N. Laura St.
- The Jacksonville Journey meetings continue and the Neighborhood Safety and Stability Subcommittee wanted to be sure that each CPAC, ShAdCo, Community/Senior Centers, libraries and churches had the "Neighborhood Toolkit for Starting an Organization" available to them as a resource. The Neighborhood Safety Subcommittee meets on Tuesdays at 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor at 2:30 p.m. except for 2-5-08 and 2-19-08 at 4 p.m.
- There will be a Community Forum and Panel discussion for the **Urban Core Vision Plan** on Wednesday, **Feb. 6, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.** to 7:30 p.m. at the Main Library Auditorium, 303 N. Laura St. Please invite all your neighbors. Your input is needed!
- The War on Poverty will hold a Technical Assistance for Grantsmanship on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Beaver Street Enterprise Center, 1225 W. Beaver St. To attend this free session you must RSVP by 2/4/08 by calling 766-7275 or e-mail klandry@waronpoverty.org.

Stormwater Advisory Committee Meetings:

- SWAC Town Hall Meeting – District 7 Thursday, February 07, 2008 6:30 - 8 p.m. Jackson High School, 3816 N. Main St.
- SWAC Town Hall Meeting – District 8 Tuesday, February 19, 2008 6:30 - 8 p.m. Stanton Preparatory School, 1149 W. 13th St.
- SWAC Town Hall Meeting – District 9 Monday, February 11, 2008 6:30 - 8 p.m. LaVilla School of the Arts, 501 N. Davis St.
- SWAC Town Hall Meeting – At Large Thursday, February 28, 2008 6:30 - 8 p.m. City Hall at St. James, Renaissance Room, 117 W. Duval St.

The Stormwater Advisory Committee (SWAC) invites all interested parties to attend the meetings to learn more about the Stormwater Utility and upcoming fees. Contact: Marcy Cook, (904) 255-8769, for additional information or correspondence.

City Council Town Hall Meetings:

- City Council District 9 - Town Hall Meeting Thursday, March 20, 2008 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Pine Forest Elementary School, 3929 Grant Road Please join Councilman Warren A. Jones, Council District Nine, for a Town Hall Meeting. Special guests include: The City of Jacksonville's Public Works Department, Municipal Code Enforcement Division, Traffic and Engineering, and Sheriff's Office. Contact: (904) 630-1395 for more information.

SAVE the DATE:

- Florida Neighborhoods Conference – June 26-28, 2008 in Tallahassee
- Seniors Residents – For information on upcoming events call 630-7392
 - 3-4-08 Quarterly MOB Meeting Metro Park 10 a.m.
 - 4-1-08 Mayor's Fish-A-Thon Hanna Park 10 a.m.
 - 5-21-08 Senior Expo Prime Osborn Convention Center

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

Department of Health (DOH) – Jocelyn Turner reported on the following:

- They will be working with JaxParks on a few events:
 - Walk for Seniors on March 22nd
 - Walk with Children on March 29th
- February and March are months to get out and get active especially if you have high blood pressure. If you increase your physical activity this will help your over all health especially if you have diabetes.
- The DOH will help your neighborhood organization start a walking club.
- Feb. 7th is AIDS Awareness day – if you want to get tested come to the Health Department on 8th and Blvd. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or the Christ Church of Peace from 6:30 p.m. to 7: 30 p.m. for more information call 253-1040.
- Thank you for your letters of support for the grant for health services like AGAPE. This will not be the last time and hope you will write if asked again.

Jocelyn can be reached at 253-2037 or Jocelyn_Turner@doh.statel.fl.us

Guest Speaker

Chief Ken Pinnix, Community Development spoke on the City of Jacksonville's Brownfields Program. Brownfields are found any where you find a former industrial site whether contaminated or not or if it contributes as a barrier to redevelopment. There are 2 standards for cleanup –industrial and residential. Jacksonville is the largest designated area in the State of Florida with over 15,000 acres or 23 square miles. It is one of the most active programs with over 50 sites. Members had numerous questions for Mr. Pinnix. Member Hartman wanted to know why sites like the shipyards couldn't be cleaned to residential standards not for today but for 100 to 150 years from now for future generations. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will ensure that the site is cleaned up. Member Vanderlaan wanted to know if the area along the St. Johns River would return to residential. Member Tippins had concerns over the contaminated the lack of cleanups occurring with the ash sites. The City is working with the EPA with a signed consent order to clean it up. They are working with a consultant to determine a ranking order on what sites would get cleaned up first. Member Miller wanted to know if the Brownfields boundaries were the same as the Enterprise Zone – they are. Ken Pinnix can be reached at 255-8268 or kpinnix@coj.net

Subcommittees

Member Hartman talked about meeting with the Eastside Environmental Council, JEA and professors from UNF. He passed out a handout and next month would like to get a vote from the UC CPAC to endorse this concept. Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer will get it out to members with next months Agenda.

Chairman's Report - Chairman Williams reported on the following:

- He asked members to sign up for subcommittees they would like to be a part of.
- He wanted members to send him a list of their meeting date, time and location so that other members would be able to come to their meeting to get ideas.
- He acknowledged guest Jackie Lattimore with Destiny for a Change.
- Member Vanderlaan made a Motion to change the start of the UC CPAC meeting to 5:30 p.m. A second was made by Member Miller. Members had concerns for members that work that could not get to the meeting on time. Member Norman amended the motion to vote on the following times: 5, 5:15 and 5:30 p.m. A second was made by Member Johnson. The Vote:

5 p.m. 8 Members

5:15 p.m. 4 Members

5:30 p.m. 1 Member

The meeting will remain at 5 p.m.

Announcements

- Member Miller. Good Neighbor MANIA said that the Myrtle Avenue Town Center was coming to fruition. It started last week on 15th Street/Myrtle Ave. to Moncrief to the fork in the road. They are working in conjunction with NWJCDC and 29th and Chase to improve the neighborhood.
 - Member Miller thanked Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer for keeping the UC CPAC informed on upcoming events.
 - Good Neighbor MANIA is working with Edward Waters College (EWC), which has been in existence for 140 years and they may be asking CPACs support on behalf of EWC at a future meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Chairperson Williams thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on **Monday, March 3, 2008**
at 5 p.m. in the Main Library, Conference Room G-4, 303 N. Laura St.

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