

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, January 07, 2008

Members

Rex Williams, Chairperson
Catherine Morton, 12th Street Loyalty
Yvonne Lane, Bridge the Gap
Beverly Toney, Fresh Ministries
Jean Tolbert, Metro Gardens
Eula Canty, Planet Watch
Susan Noonan, Springfield Women's Club

Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chairperson
Luellen Logan, 29th & Chase
Dr. Janetta Norman, Charter Member
Delores & Johnny Swain, Grand Blvd.
Leona Bessent, Metro Gardens
Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR Council

Excused

Ruth Arnold, Floree Johnson-McPherson, Lula Brown

Guests

Betty Chance, Planet Watch
Kevin Gilpin, National Crime Stop

K. Taylor, Coalition for Rec.

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison
JSO Officer D. L. Perkins
Jocelyn Turner, DOH
Elaine Lancaster, Municipal Code Compliance Division
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

Wight Greger, Director of HAND
Marvin Echols, Planning
Milton Locklear, FDOT

Call to Order

Chairperson Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library, Conference Room G-4 with a moment of silence and welcomed everyone. He then introduced Director Wight Greger of the Housing and Neighborhoods Department.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Swain made a Motion to accept the minutes from the December 3, 2008 meeting as read with a correction in the section from the Chair's Comments, second bullet "We are going wrong by not helping" removed. A second was made by Member Dr. Norman. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Williams welcomed the members back and asked them to be patient since he and Vice Chair Tippins are new in the leadership positions. He asked for volunteers to sign up for 2008 subcommittees. Chairperson Williams will do this again next month and then appoint the chairpersons to the subcommittees. He did appoint Member Norman as the Parliamentarian.

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Officer Perkins had no report. Member Vanderlaan thanked Officer Perkins for being a regular staff member at the CPAC meetings. Looking at 2008 can CPAC get a monthly JSO crime trend report to work more closely with them? He will check into it and you can always attend ShAdCo meetings. If anyone has concerns to get with him and he will address the issues. JSO can be reached at the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at Gateway Mall 924-5361 or JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org

Mayor's Representative – Carolyn Shehee-Williams reported that early voting starts on Jan. 14 at local branch library's and ends on Jan. 27th with the opportunity for everyone to cast their ballot. Member Tippins was concerned that there was no media or information on the upcoming election in particular the Property Tax Amendment. Representative Shehee-Williams replied that all voting promotions come from the Supervisor of Elections Office. Marilyn has a handout from the League of Women Voters on the Amendment with the pros and cons. Liaison Shehee-Williams can be reached at 630-1994 or CSHEHEE@coj.net

Duval County Public Schools –not present but with the change in superintendent hopes to get a representative to the meeting. Member Vanderlaan wanted to know if the letter with the Motion on Childhood Obesity was sent to the Superintendent of the Duval County Schools. Yes, it was mailed with no reply to date. Also School Board Members Betty Burney and Brenda Priestly Jackson have been put on the UC CPAC e-mail distribution list to keep them informed and extend an open invitation.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Milton Locklear reported on the following: FDOT will be holding a public hearing on Jan. 10, 2008 at the FDOT Urban Office, 2198 Edison Ave. discussing some proposals on a transportation hub next to the Prime Osborn Convention Center. There may be some retail along with adding some other transit agencies. Members would like to have a presentation on this at the Feb. or Mar. meeting. Milton will check with the project manager on his schedule. Milton can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

Planning and Development – Planner Marvin Echols had no report. Planner Echols can be reached at 630-2414 or mechols@coj.net.

ECD – Municipal Code Compliance – Supervisor Elaine Lancaster reported that the Mid-Westside has been finished with the systematic inspection. They are finishing the Eastside and the Planet Watch area and will begin the Springfield area next. She will have the reported numbers next month. Supervisor Lancaster can be reached at 391-3520 or the main office number at 391-3600.

HAND – Community Development - Marilyn Fenton-Harmer introduced the Housing and Neighborhoods Director Wight Greger.

- Director Greger encouraged members to come to the Jacksonville Journey Safety Subcommittee tomorrow at the Ed Ball Building, 8th Floor Room 851 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. They will be working on neighborhood initiatives like lighting, Multi Family Housing and a one strike policy. Members asked if the Sheriff would be getting more officers. *She has not heard but it is under discussion.* The Jacksonville Journey Task Force will be making recommendations to the Mayor on issues.
- Members wanted to know how to get the missing elements, in particular, a representative from the School Board to the meeting. This is a concern and the School System has its own Board and employees. She suggested inviting a local teacher, SRO officer and or principal to the meeting.
- She has met with the Coordinators and has an agenda to work on realigning the CPAC Bylaws with the Office of General Council. Former Chair Norman wanted to be sure that the UC CPAC would have training for our new leaders and members. CPAC Training on Ethics should begin in March/April.

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following:

- Tuesday, January 8, 2008 the Drug Paraphernalia Abatement Task Force will meet at the Beaver Street Enterprise Center, Event Hall, 1225 West Beaver St. and will be looking for public comments from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Drug Paraphernalia Abatement Task Force will discuss the following:
 - Access to and the use and proliferation of drug paraphernalia
 - Regulation of businesses that sell items that may be used as drug paraphernalia
 - Current rules and laws and current efforts by regulatory agencies and law enforcement agencies to abate access to and the use and proliferation of drug paraphernalia
 - Approaches to abate access to and the use and proliferation of drug paraphernalia
- The JTA Commuter Rail Study will be forming a Citizens Advisory Committee. The group will meet approximately four times between late January and October, most likely at 6 p.m. in the evening at JTA (100 N. Myrtle Ave.). They are looking for a volunteer/representative from each planning district. They are specifically looking for people who have a north-south commute across county lines of at least 15 miles. For more information contact:
M. Victoria Pennington Marketing & Public Affairs, Inc. – 519-9478 or mvpennington@comcast.net
- The Better Jacksonville Plan FAC (Finance Administration Committee) and PAC (Project Administration Committee) meeting will be on Friday, January 25, 2008 at 9 a.m. at the JTA Board Room, 100 N. Myrtle Avenue. For more information contact Marcy Cook at 255-8769
- Handouts from the League of Women Voters explaining the Property Tax Amendment for the January 29th Election was discussed.

Stormwater Advisory Committee Meetings:

- SWAC Town Hall Meeting - District 9 Tuesday, January 15, 2008 6:30 p.m. TBD
- SWAC Town Hall Meeting – District 4 Thursday, January 24, 2008 6:30 p.m.
Hogan-Spring Glen Elementary, 6736 Beach Blvd.
- SWAC Town Hall Meeting – District 7 Thursday, February 07, 2008 6:30 p.m.
Jackson High School, 3816 North Main Street

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

City Council Town Hall Meetings:

- City Council District 9 - Town Hall Meeting Monday, February 04, 2008 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, 2445 San Diego Road
- 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, Code Enforcement Division, Traffic and Engineering, and Sheriff's Office. Contact: (904) 630-1395

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 – Jocelyn Turner reported that if you would like to become involved with Relay for Life, she is a member of the First Coast High School Team but there is also one in Springfield.

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

Guest Speaker

Presenter Kevin Gilpin, Director National Crime Stop Program gave a presentation on how not to become a victim. He presented information on the following:

- Credit Cards – be careful of scams, if you see a small charge on your bill dispute it. The following month there may be very large sums of money charged.
- Debit Cards – now all have a VISA logo on them. If you are a victim of fraud go to the bank and sign an affidavit stating that you have been victimized. At first the bank may restore your money but the bank will investigate this. On the affidavit form the bank may also take back the money. This will not happen if you go to the police department and report it. Go back to the bank with the **police report** so your money that was restored from the bank will stay in your account. Also

go on line and report it to the FTC (Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov). They are keeping track of how many people are being victims of fraud.

- Credit Reports – you get one free each year from each of the three companies however order one each quarter so you will know what is happening with your credit history throughout the year.
- Home computers – turn them off when you are not using them. Your information along with your password can be downloaded without your knowledge via the broadband that you are connected with. Remember that your computer's hard drive never forgets anything.
- On line ordering – be very cautious on the companies that you do business with. You may not get the merchandise that you ordered and your credit card may be used fraudulently. You may not know what happens with a small company when your credit information gets to that company and how is it destroyed after it is used. Currently Pay Pal is a very secure site to use for payments since the company never gets to see your credit information. You can also get a virtual check from your bank that is used for a one time purchase.
- Anyone can open up a credit card in your name. All they need is your name, date of birth and a phone number. All this information can be retrieved on line. Social Security numbers are not even needed since it is already on your credit file.
- Do not leave your Social Security number in your purse or wallet. If it is stolen it is much easier to get your identity stolen.
- Home security – get an alarm sign and post it outside your house even if you don't have an alarm. Get a "Beware of Dog" sign too. Use motion detectors as well as timers on your lights, radio and TV to look like you are home when you really aren't. Timers are also helpful when you come home to a dark house. Make sure your house looks like it's occupied.
- Mailbox – do NOT place your out going bills in the box with the red flag up. Someone can still your bills along with your checks and copy them and you won't know until the following month when your bills come in. Drop your mail off at the Post Office.
- Ladies – when you go to the mall, dress down and do not bring a purse. It can easily be snatched.
- Keys – keep them in your hand and ready to go to your car and do not be on a cell phone. If you are preoccupied you are a better target. Don't get killed over property.
- Weapons – keep them secured and locked up. Too many children are getting hurt or killed and or bringing them to school. In an emergency it is hard to get the gun and hit the target you may want to use a C.E.E. (Certified Enforcement Equipment) that is a spray that will cause eye irritation that closes the eyes and makes it hard to breathe. You may want to keep one near your front door and on a key ring. A concealed weapon permit would be needed if you have a large bottle in your car or on you. A permit is not needed with the small unit. The ability to purchase these was available. (\$25 for the home unit, \$18 for the hand unit and \$38 for the combo plus \$3 shipping and handling.) from the National Crime Stop Program, P.O. Box 345689, Palm Coast, FL 32135 (904) 685-2201. The spray remains on the person for 48 hours.
- A free CD is available after you complete this workshop on how to report identity theft or fraud. The program is funded through a grant from Homeland Security.
- If you would like to have this program presented free of charge contact the National Crime Stop Program at 685-2201 or ncsp103@yahoo.com

Announcements - None

Motion to Adjourn

Chairperson Williams thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

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

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