

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: Adrienne Ligon 255-8259 aligon@coj.net



Meeting Summary Monday, June 4, 2007

Members

Janetta Norman
Luellen B. Logan
Floree McPherson
Jean Tolbert

E. M. Johnson
Doug Vanderlaan
Louvenia Tippins
Rex Williams

Leona Bessent
Michael Hartman
Beverly Toney
Geraldine Walker

Guests

Walter Thomas
Lula Brown

Tanya Garcia

Lydia Miller

Staff/Resource

Adrienne Ligon
Lorrie DeFrank

Marvin Echols
Carolyn Shehee-Williams

Elaine Lancaster
Ken Avery

Call to Order

Chair Norman called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. and a quorum was verified.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Guest Speakers

1. Rick Mullaney, Office of General Counsel, discussed Florida's proposed property tax reform legislation and what it could mean to the City of Jacksonville. He stressed the importance of being knowledgeable about the proposed reform, educating others, and contacting your legislators. He provided statistical data as evidence that our local government has been a responsible steward of taxpayers' dollars. He outlined ways the property tax reform could threaten our quality of life. He strongly emphasized that a property tax reform should not be "one-size-fits all" but unique to its citizens.
2. Tonya Garcia, Boys' Home Association, presented information about an Independent Living Program designed to help Medicaid eligible individuals age 13 – 18 transition into adulthood. Informational brochures with contact information were handed out. Lydia Miller accompanied her and requested an invitation to a future meeting to discuss the recruitment of foster parents.

Subcommittee Reports

Environmental – no report

Community Issues – Michael Hartman announced that the subcommittee met and agreed to “Community Issues” as the official subcommittee name. Their purpose is to identify issues of interest and concerns specific to the Urban Core and to identify outside experts and questions to ask the experts to help gain better understanding. The subcommittee is in the fact-finding process to determine what effect the proposed Independence Recycling Company’s facility will have on the surrounding communities. The findings will determine whether the subcommittee sends a representative to the zoning exception hearings.

Membership – no report

Staff Reports

Mayor’s Representative - no report

Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office – no report

Duval County Public Schools – no report

Neighborhood Services Division – Lorrie DeFrank addressed the City of Jacksonville’s reorganization. She emphasized the mayor’s commitment to neighborhoods.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – no report

Planning and Development – Marvin Echols distributed information about upcoming City of Jacksonville 2010 Comprehensive Plan, Evaluation and Appraised Report (EAR), workshops and meeting. He also presented an application for administrative deviation (Item number: AD-2007-0064). The applicant is requesting to reduce the landscape buffer along the street right-of-way from 10 feet to 5 feet. The hearing is scheduled on June 22, 2007.

Code Enforcement – no report

Additional Comments, Concerns, Discussion

- Chair Norman expressed concerns about the impact of the tax reform on the continuation of neighborhood services.
- In response to a question from Doug Vanderlaan, the Mayor’s representative, Carolyn Shehee-Williams will find out the status of the program designed to help people threatened with property foreclosures.

Adjournment The chair adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

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