

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, June 2, 2008

Members

Rex Williams, Chairman

Geraldine Walker, 12th Street Loyalty

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

Ashley Strickland, MaliVai Washington Kids

Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR Council

Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chair

Lula Brown, Eastside Resource Center

Deloris & Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard

Betty Chance, Planet Watch

Floree Johnson-McPherson, Springfield Watch

Excused

Dr. Janetta Norman, Yvonne Lane, Susan Noonan, Catherine Morton, Beverly Toney, Ruth Arnold, Jocelyn Turner

Guests

Professor Bill Ahrens, UNF School of Nursing

Jay Plotkin, State Attorney's Office

Levoyus Parlow, M.A.N.I.A.

Frank Noonan, SIAWC

Janice Love, Eastside Neighborhood Assoc.

Patrick Victor, CDM

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison

Milton Locklear, FDOT

John Pappas and Bill Joyce, Public Works - Flood Maps

Devron Cody and Katie Urban, Municipal Code Compliance Division

Denise Ostertag, Adult Services Division

JSO Zone 1 Sgt. Yul

Emery Nauden, Planning Dept.

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

Call to Order

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. in the Main Library in Conference Room G-4 with a moment of silence and welcomed everyone.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Johnson-McPherson made a Motion to accept the minutes from the May 5, 2008 meeting. A second was made by Member Vanderlaan. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

JSO Staff Report

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office - Zone 1 – Sgt. Yul reported on the following:

- Burglary to autos is up so please don't leave things in view in your car.
- This past month they made 218 arrests in Sector A (downtown and near the stadium).
- Members asked numerous questions but would like to see bike patrols in the Greenway S Line Bike Path which starts at 12th Street and Blvd. to Myrtle just north of Shands Hospital. People have already begun to hang out near Davis Street and bikers do not feel safe.
- Members would like to see more bike patrols back in Springfield. Sgt. Yul stated that crime is down in Springfield and is moving to other neighborhoods. Members stated that they moved to Durkeeville and Myrtle Ave. There are more prostitutes and they have been cursing at residents. They would like to see bike patrols in that area. That area is Zone 5 and Sgt. Yul will let his superiors know of this request since they do not have bike units in Zone 5. For information call the Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or jsozone1@jaxsheriff.org or Zone 5 Sub Station at 384-8028 or jsozone5@jaxsheriff.org

Guest Speakers

Adult Services Division - Denise Ostertag, Recreation and Community Services, gave a presentation on the Adult Services Division and what they offer:

- There are 19 Senior Centers with transportation that is provided to the closest center. Each one has its own flavor from the seniors that attend the center. The goal of the centers is to:
 - Feed the spirit – with a sense of community by going to the centers with its many programs
 - Feed the mind – with speakers and mind games like cards, bingo and brain bowl
 - Feed the body – by offering a nutritional well balanced hot meal free of charge. There is no reason not to attend. They offer fitness and well programs. They just partnered with the Department of Health on a “New Deal Walking Program” for 400 seniors to walk for 12 weeks. They ended up walking 14,450 miles.
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) – One does not have to be retired but it is for people over 55 years of age to volunteer. Some of the programs are:
 - o Tale Tellers – reading to Pre-K and Kindergarten children
 - o SWAT (Senior Workers Available Today) to volunteer on a one-time basis
 - o Crafters Needed for Community Service Projects (CSPG) i.e. cards for servicemen and women
- Foster Grandparent Program – is for seniors 60 years and over to work 20 hours a week with at risk children for a small tax-free stipend that meets income guidelines. Openings are available. Please call 630-5450 for more information.
- Independent Living Program – to help caregivers with homebound frail elderly residents to give them some relief. For more information call 630-0966.
- At the Senior Expo they previewed a “Needs Assessment Survey” that was passed out. Denise asked that this be passed out to your neighborhood organization and turn in the completed surveys to Marilyn or Denise. To date they have had 240 responses turned in.

Members wanted to know if a list of centers was available. It is on the City of Jacksonville’s Website at:

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Adult+Services/Community+and+Senior+Center+Services.htm> Denise Ostertag can be reached at 630-4908 or Ostertag@coj.net

Public Works – Flood Maps – John Pappas, Deputy Director of Public Works along with Bill Joyce, Chief Engineer gave an overview of Flood Maps “Mapping the Risk – Duval County Flood Map Modernization”. With Jacksonville’s 840 square miles the Department will be gathering information on all stormwater plans and create new FEMA maps. The current FEMA maps are 20 years old and there is more data available today with better tools to survey with. It will be a very extensive process and it will take 2 years or so to finalize the map. If you have suggestions or concerns on stormwater problems and drainage call 255-8759 or go on the City of Jacksonville’s Website to <http://ecare.coj.net/> Members had numerous questions on the impact to their insurance, how precise the maps would be and if this would improve the streets, drainage and sidewalks. No, it is a master stormwater plan that will help with prioritizing of needs with the new fee. This project is a joint effort between the City of Jacksonville and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). John Pappas can be reached at 255-8753 pappas@coj.net and Bill Joyce can be reached at 255-8762 or joyce@coj.net

Staff Reports

Mayor’s Representative – Carolyn Shehee-Williams – No report

Carolyn Shehee-Williams can be reached at 630-1994 or CSHEHEE@coj.net

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Milton Locklear – No report

Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

Planning and Development – Emery Nauden – No report
Emery Nauden can be reached at 630-0258 or enauden@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance – Officer Katie Urban reported on the following:

- In May they worked in the Mid Westside and had 203 citations.
- They are currently working in the LaVilla/New Town area with 22 inspections so far.
- On Friday they will be starting a systematic inspection in East Jacksonville.

Property Safety can be reached at 391-3600 or psafety@coj.net

Department of Health – excused

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

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

- **Jacksonville Journey** Solution Sessions

After months of meetings, presentations, analysis and input, *The Jacksonville Journey: Take a Step* committees have completed their recommendations.

You are cordially invited to attend community meetings to hear about these action steps, provide your feedback and learn how you can help create a safer, more prosperous Jacksonville.

- **June 5:** FCCJ Kent Campus, Main Auditorium, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., 32205

The Jacksonville Journey information and volunteer fair begins at 5:30 p.m. and committee presentations begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey> or call Kandi Begue at 630-4999.

- **Jacksonville Journey** Steering Committee Meeting - Rescheduled – Thursday, **June 26, 2008** 1 p.m., Main Library 303 N. Laura St., Multi-Purpose Room - This meeting will review the recommendations of the Funding Subcommittee.
- JaxParks presents **Carvill's Community Summer Jam** - Friday, **June 06, 2008** 6:30pm - 10pm Carvill Park - 1302 Carvill Ave. Come meet & greet your neighbors in the community at the summer jam. Live DJ, a cookout, games, swimming and more. For more info call 904 630-4100.
- JaxParks presents **Art on the Go** - Friday, **June 13, 2008** 6 - 8p.m., Kids Kampus - 1410 Gator Bowl Blvd., come draw, paint, make take home crafts, and even take a spin on the pottery wheel. Refreshments will be served. For more info call 904-630-4100.
- **MOB Quarterly Meeting** – Tuesday, **June 17, 2008** at 10:30 a.m. at Metropolitan Park. Quarterly meeting with the Mayor to discuss issues pertinent to seniors. For information call 630-7392.
- JaxParks presents **Movies in the Park** (*The Wiz*) - Friday, **June 20, 2008** 7 p.m. movie starts @ dusk Simonds-Johnson Park - 3730 Moncrief Rd. Bring your blankets, and a picnic basket, and enjoy a family movie under the stars.
- **City Council Installation Ceremony** - Thursday, **June 26, 2008** 6:00 p.m., Jacoby Symphony Hall, Times Union Center for the Performing Arts, 300 W. Water Street. The ceremony is held to install the Honorable Ronnie Fussell as 2008-2009 Council President and the Honorable Richard Clark as 2008-2009 Council Vice President. In accordance with Council Rules the positions will become effective July 1, 2008. All interested parties are invited to attend. For info call 630-1377
- Friday, **July 4** - U.S. Navy Band Performs prior to and following the **fireworks** at 9:45 p.m. at The Jacksonville Landing.
- JaxParks presents **Summer Splash Down** - Friday, **July 11, 2008** 5:30pm - 8p.m. C.T. Brown Park - 4545 Moncrief Road, come have some good ole` fashion fun, playing some good ole` fashion games like red light, green light, sack races, 3-legged races, egg toss, water balloon toss, relay races, and more. Refreshments will be provided. For info call 630-4100.

- City Council Special Meeting - **Annual Budget Presentation** - Monday, **July 14, 2008** 10:00 a.m. City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, Council Chamber, City Hall, St. James Building, 117 West Duval St. Mayor John Peyton will present his 2008-2009 Annual Budget address to the Jacksonville City Council at this time. The regular scheduled Rules Committee meeting will convene immediately following the Mayor's presentation. All interested parties are invited to attend. For info contact: Legislative Services Division at 630-1404.
- JaxParks presents **Movies in the Park** (The Bee Movie rated: PG) - Friday, **July 25, 2008** 7p.m. movie starts @ dusk, Memorial Park - 1620 Riverside Ave. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and picnic baskets and enjoy a nice family movie. The Hot Dog Lady will be on site selling her delicious hot dogs, and Italian sausages. For more information call 904 630-4100.
- JaxParks presents **Art on the Go** - Friday, **August 01, 2008** 6:00 - 8:00p.m., Simonds Johnson Park, 3730 Moncrief Rd., have you ever wanted to learn how to draw, paint, make pottery, or make arts and crafts? That's some of the things you can learn and do. Admission is free. For info call 630-4100.
- Not Just for Baby Boomers Film Series: **Free showings of Baby Boomers' favorite films**, 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 5:45 p.m., Main Library, Hicks Auditorium. For a complete list of movies visit <http://jpl.coj.net/progs/main/notjustforboomers.html>

For information about educational and recreational opportunities, please visit www.JaxParks.com.

To learn about classes and events at the library please visit www.jpl.coj.net or www.coj.net.

City Council

- City Council **District 9 - Town Hall Meeting** - Monday, **June 16, 2008** at 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Paxon School (Auditorium), 3239 Norman E. Thagard Blvd.. Please join Councilman Warren A. Jones for a Paxon/Biltmore Town Hall Meeting to discuss drainage and crime issues. Please plan to attend and bring a neighbor. Contact: (904) 630-1395

SAVE the DATE:

- Florida Neighborhoods Conference – June 26-28, 2008 in Tallahassee. Access to the site is through the City of Tallahassee site <http://www.talgov.com/dncs/fnc/index.cfm> or directly to the registration site <http://fnc.imarcsgroup.com/home/>.
- 2008 National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 5, 2008

If you have any questions please call Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Coordinator, at 255-8236 or Mfharmer@coj.net

- **COJ Franchise Fee:** The City of Jacksonville Franchise Fee went into effect on April 1, 2008 by a City Ordinance that was passed in November 2007. The Ordinance directs JEA to collect the fee on behalf of the City, which receives all of the revenue produced by the fee. The franchise fee is a 3 percent fee on the electric, water, irrigation and sewer usage of JEA customers living in the city of Jacksonville. For more information, visit www.coj.net or call 630-CITY (2489).
- **Solid Waste Fee:** In May, 2008 bills for the new solid waste fee will arrive from the Tax Collector. The solid waste fee will be \$3 per month per [dwelling unit](#) from April to September, 2008. The fee will increase to \$4 per month per dwelling unit on October 1, 2008. For a single-family detached home, the May 2008 bill will reflect a solid waste charge of \$30 for nine months of solid waste fee charges, from April 1 to December 31, 2008 (\$3.00 x 6 months + \$4.00 x 3 months). Starting in 2009, bills will arrive in April and reflect charges for the whole calendar year (January through December). Jacksonville residents have not been charged solid waste fees in the past although Jacksonville spends more than \$42 million annually to collect garbage (about \$11 per household each month). The city instituted the solid waste fee to ensure government would continue to provide that service. Collection schedules and waste haulers are planned to remain the same as before the fee went into effect. For more information, visit www.coj.net or call 630-CITY (2489).
- **Stormwater Fees:** In May, 2008, bills for the new Stormwater Fee will arrive from the Tax Collector. The bill will reflect six months of stormwater fee charges, from July 1 to December 31, 2008. Starting in 2009, the bills will arrive in April and reflect charges for the whole calendar year (January through December). Residents' fees are based on the amount of impervious area on the property. Impervious area does not allow water to percolate directly into the ground, for example the house, patio, driveway and shed. The average homeowner will pay \$5 per month, or \$30 for the first bill and \$60 annually. [501\(c\)\(3\) organizations and those meeting certain income criteria are eligible to be exempt from the stormwater fee.](#) Other property owners may be eligible for fee discounts through [adjustments](#) or [credits](#). For more information, visit www.coj.net or call 630-CITY (2489).

Chairman's Report

- Chairman Williams stated that the CPACs do not endorse candidates but if anyone is running for an elected office to please introduce themselves and what office they are running for:
 - Jay Plotkin introduced himself and is running for State Attorney Judicial Circuit 4
- Chairman Williams asked members to please read Marilyn's report and bring it back to their community on what is happening.
- As part of the UC CPAC members need to support each other and continue to come together at each other's events.
- Chairman Williams told members that Mayor Peyton would be at the next UC CPAC meeting on Monday, August 4, 2008.

Concerns

- Members agree that the Parks Department needs to be more responsive with problems at Confederate Park and the Dog Park. They would like someone from the Parks Department to attend a future meeting.
- Members wanted to know who and how are they going to pay for the Jacksonville Journey's recommendations.
- Members wanted to know if they were still on the zoning notification list. Planner Nauden said to call Lisa Ransom at 630-1900 to check on the list. He also suggested being more proactive when signs go up in the neighborhood to find out what is happening before it happens. At the Planning Commission meeting there have been complaints after something has been approved and neighbors said they didn't know anything about it.
- There is a situation on Myrtle Ave. with a fence. The owner said that the Councilperson gave permission for the fence but they need proof to keep it there.

Subcommittees

- Chairman Williams passed around the sign up sheet for subcommittees. Currently there is no-one on the Transportation and Public Works subcommittee. He will go over the list with Ms. Tippins to work on the list and members.
- Member Floree Johnson-McPherson stated that the Hospitality subcommittee has no money and that is why there are no cookies or soft drinks. Only one person had donated money and that was not fair. Members suggested giving a dollar each meeting but CPAC members are not to have dues. A donation basket was suggested to continue to have refreshments.
- Members would like a copy of the top three concerns that were asked for the subcommittees to work on.
- Members asked if anyone was having problems with swimming pools. Member Vanderlaan stated that the smell of marijuana was occurring at the Kennedy Center pool. Members stated that there were some problems at Emmett Reed pool last year that did not need to be repeated. Members asked if there were any JSO at our parks? There is one JSO Officer assigned to the Parks Department.

Announcements/Public Comments

- Professor Bill Ahrens, UNF Nursing Community Based Program explained about the program and how it has spread over to the Urban Core. He has been working with the NW CPAC/neighborhoods for years. The students are assigned to a community. There will be five groups which will do service learning hours in the NW and UC neighborhoods working at Cleveland Arms, City Rescue Mission and the I.M. Sulzbacher Center to name a few. Students are required to attend one CPAC meeting to see what is happening with the city and neighborhoods and then again from time to time to help with projects in the CPAC areas. For more information you can contact him at wahrens@unf.edu.

Announcements/Public Comments – continued

- State Representative Gibson will be having her 6th Annual District 15 Community Day Picnic on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at Metropolitan Park Pavilion from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Member Miller invited everyone to the next Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A. meeting on June 19th at the MaliVai Washington Kids Center Community Room from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30p.m. They will be discussing the S Line Bike Path ash sites and more. She has been trying very hard to get the latest information on these projects but with not much success. Frank Noonan stated that the bids for the ash sites were done on May 28.
- Member Walker asked that Ms. Morton be excused since she was at a Graduation.
- Member Walker announced the following:
 - The new Walgreens at 8th and Davis Street is almost complete.
 - St. Pius School has added more classrooms.
 - Work on Myrtle Avenue continues.
 - On the last JEA bill there was a process for calling in a street light that was not working by getting the pole number and reporting that.
 - FCCJ is now offering four programs that will get a B.S. Degree and on June 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Technology Center they will have counselors available to discuss the new programs.
- Planet Watch Neighborhood will hold a flea market on June 2 from 8 a.m. to noon at 18th Street and Davis Street. Please come out and support the neighborhood.
- The American Cancer Walk for Life will be at Confederate Park Friday, June 6, 2008 at 6 p.m. to help raise awareness by holding a shopping cart race. Decorations for a cart are \$20. The race will be at 7 p.m. between the Dog Park and the Mason building.
- Member Strickland stated that the MaliVai Washington Youth Center is now officially open. The Grand Opening was a huge success and the Kids Day on Saturday with numerous partnerships but primarily with Northwest Jacksonville CDC was amazing. They had approximately 500 people in attendance. Member Miller complimented Terri Florio, Ashley Strickland and MaliVai Washington for the great event and service to the community. M.A.N.I.A. had a table and was able to sign up 6 new members and 6 people registered to vote.
- The MaliVai Washington Center will be holding a community meeting for organizations to discuss the process of using/renting the community room at the center. Member Strickland will send Marilyn the information to forward members on the date of the meeting. The Center is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday. Members had questions and they are still looking into adult tennis lessons and the fee structure.
- The 19th Annual Law Enforcement & Fire/Rescue "Thanksgiving Day in May Celebration" hosted by Member Yvonne Lane, Director of Bridge the Gap, Inc and City Councilman Johnny Gaffney was a huge success. The students from Brentwood Elementary, seniors from numerous senior centers and neighborhoods all came out to support our men and women that serve our community to say thanks.
- Vice Chair Tippins asked that Member Norman be excused from the meeting. Her brother was missing and it was later discovered that he was in the hospital under going surgery. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. and Chairman Williams thanked everyone for coming.

No Meeting in July

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

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