

# 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](mailto:rexwilliams2006@hotmail.com)

**Vice Chair:** Louvenia Tippins 355-8841

**Mayor's Representative:** Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636 [cshehe@coj.net](mailto:cshehe@coj.net)

**Neighborhood Coordinator:** Marilyn Fenton-Harmer 255-8236 [mfharmer@coj.net](mailto:mfharmer@coj.net)



## Meeting Summary Monday, March 3, 2008

### Members

Rex Williams, Chair  
Ruth Arnold, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Ministries  
Catherine Morton, 12<sup>th</sup> Street Loyalty  
Yvonne Lane, Bridge the Gap  
Lula Brown, Eastside Resource Center  
Deloris & Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard  
Ashley Strickland, MaliVai Washington Kids  
Michael Hartman, The Parks at the Cathedral  
Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR Council  
Susan Noonan, Springfield Women's Club

Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chair  
Geraldine Walker, 12<sup>th</sup> Street Loyalty  
Luellen Logan, 29<sup>th</sup> & Chase  
Dr. Janetta Norman, Charter Member  
Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.  
Terri Florio, MaliVai Washington Kids  
Felicia Myrick, NWJCDC  
Eula Canty, Planet Watch  
Flore Johnson-McPherson, Springfield Watch

### Excused

Beverly Toney, Milton Locklear

### Guests

Attorney Carla Miller, COJ Ethics Officer  
John Flowe, COJ ERM  
Jackie Lattimore, Destine for a Change

Vince Seibold, COJ ERM  
Levoyus Partlow, M.A.N.I.A.  
Melanie Davis Phillips, UNF School of Nursing

### Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison  
Marvin Echols, Planning  
Devron Cody, Municipal Code Compliance

JSO Sgt. D. L. Perkins  
Emery Nauden, Planning  
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 made a Motion to accept the minutes from the February 4, 2008 meeting. A second was made by Member Johnson-McPherson. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.*

## **Guest Speaker**

City of Jacksonville Ethics Attorney Carla Miller gave a PowerPoint presentation on Ethics Training. She went over the following:

- Sunshine Law – means that CPAC members can not leave a room and talk about business after the meeting. Members can not do anything in secret, can't send e-mails or call each other to discuss the CPAC business.
- Public Records – the Housing and Neighborhoods Staff prepare the written records which are the public record. They are open to the public and anyone can see the documents.
- Voting Conflict – if you vote on something and a say a brother-in-law or someone will benefit you have a conflict. If you are not certain get a legal opinion.
- Ethics Laws – there are three kinds of ethics – values, technical laws and criminal prosecution.
- The purpose of CPAC is to promote communication with city government and the residents it serves. On a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the best that the city listened to the residents) how well is the city doing – The average was approximately 1.5 which means the city has to work harder to communicate with the residents.
- These are the things that the city is working on:
  - Hired Ethics Attorney Miller who had helped write the Ethics Code in 1999.
  - Ethics Officer Miller is available to work on problems and is doing city-wide ethics training.
  - Has an Inspector General, Pam Markham, that does city audits.
  - Started a hotline for the ethics concerns at 630-1015. Calls are coming in and it's confidential and they can't be traced also can e-mail at [Ethics@coj.net](mailto:Ethics@coj.net)
  - There are now internal controls for Procurement.
  - There is a 9 member Ethics Commission to get citizen input.
  - The Grand Jury continues to meet to see if there are violations.
- Members had numerous questions for Attorney Miller. Member Hartman had questions about subcommittees. They need to be noticed, take minutes and do business in the Sunshine.

Attorney Miller can be reached at 630-1476 or [CarlaM@coj.net](mailto:CarlaM@coj.net)

## **Staff Reports**

**Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** – Sgt Perkins reported on the following:

- Sheriff Rutherford brought back Operation Safe Streets which pays the overtime for 72 off-duty officers in the amount of \$3 million dollars. The officers are deployed in high crime areas to get guns off the streets; it gives the officers on patrol more time to handle calls for service and to have walk and talks in the neighborhoods. Most of the problems are related to drugs. Last year with OSS crime went down 38%.
- The Sheriff is looking to hire 200 more officers since a number of officers are retiring.
- Members wanted to know what they could do to help the police. Continue to educate neighbors and invite them to CPAC and ShAdCo meetings.

For information call the Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or [JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org)

**Mayor's Representative** – Carolyn Shehee-Williams left early with no report but can be reached at 630-1994 or [CSHEHEE@coj.net](mailto:CSHEHEE@coj.net)

**Duval County Public Schools** – Not present

**Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Excused

Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or [Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us](mailto:Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us)

**Planning and Development** – Planner Emery Nauden had no report.

Planner Nauden can be reached at 630-0258 or [enauden@coj.net](mailto:enauden@coj.net)

**Municipal Code Compliance** – Officer Devron Cody had no report but can be reached at 391-3600 or [psafety@coj.net](mailto:psafety@coj.net)

**Department of Health** – Not present

Jocelyn Turner can be reached at 253-2037 or [Jocelyn\\_Turner@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Jocelyn_Turner@doh.state.fl.us)

### **Guest Speaker**

Environmental Quality Chief Vince Seibold presented a PowerPoint on the 2008-028 Ordinance that will regulate fertilizers and landscape irrigation. The regulation will get the excess nutrients that are going into the river from Stormwater runoffs. He talked about the cities cost for picking up grass clippings. If residents mulched their grass and left the clippings on the lawn it would save approximately \$627,000. The Fertilizer Ordinance and Landscape Irrigation 2008-030 is being deferred to go out to the community first. If you plant the “right plant in the right place” this will help the environment by managing pests, reducing runoff and using less water. Members had numerous questions.

- Member Vanderlaan stated that they had been asking for signs at Hogan’s Creek to say “Don’t feed the ducks and geese” to help bring the population of ducks and geese under control. The sign had not been installed.
- Member Miller was concerned that the street sweepers may be pushing more waste into the storm drains. EQD will check on this.

Vince Seibold can be reached at 630-1212 ext 3118 or [vseibold@coj.net](mailto:vseibold@coj.net)

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

- **MANDATORY meeting for ALL CPAC members on Ethics Training at upcoming CPAC meetings**
  - March 10, 2008 Arlington CPAC at 6pm at Regency Square Mall Community Rm.
  - April 28, 2008 SE CPAC at 7pm at St. Luke’s Hospital, 4201 Belfort Rd, Auditorium C
  - May 8, 2008 NC CPAC at 6pm at Bradham Brooks NW Library Auditorium, 1755 Edgewood West
- There were Stormwater Utility and Downtown Vision handouts available as well as a contact sheet for members to update their information available.
- 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., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor at 2:30 p.m. until the end of April.
- Senior Centers will be hosting Open Houses from 2-4 p.m. except where noted:

<b>C. T. Brown Community Center</b>		
4415 Moncrief Road, Jacksonville, FL 32209	764-8752	
Visit our Open House on <b>March 18, 2008</b> at 9 a.m.		
<b>L. D. Clemons Senior Center</b>		
55 Jackson Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32205	693-4918	
<b>Louis Dinah Senior Center</b>		
1805 Flag Street, Jacksonville, FL 32209	630-0728	
Visit our Open House on <b>June 24, 2008</b> at 2 p.m.		
<b>Hammond Senior Center</b>		
3312 W 12th Street, Jacksonville, FL 32205	786-8554	
Visit our Open House on <b>April 9, 2008</b> at 2 p.m.		
<b>J. S. Johnson Senior Center</b>		
1112 Jackson Street, Jacksonville, FL 32220	630-0949	
Visit our Open House on <b>April 17, 2008</b> at 9 a.m.		
<b>C. T. Joseph Senior Center</b>		
6943 Buffalo Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32208	765-7522	
Visit our Open House on <b>April 4, 2008</b> at 2 p.m.		

<b>Lincoln Villa Senior Center</b>		
7866 New Kings Road, Jacksonville, FL 32219	765-2654	
<b>Longbranch Senior Center</b>		
4110 Franklin St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	630-0893	
<b>Moncrief Senior Center</b>		
5710 Castellano Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32209	764-0330	
Visit our Open House on <b>May 1, 2008</b> at 2 p.m.		
<b>Riverview Senior Center</b>		
9620 Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32208	765-7511	
Visit our Open House on <b>April 24, 2008</b> at 9 a.m.		
<b>Mary L. Singleton Senior Center</b>		
150 East First St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	630-0995	
<b>Wallace Small Senior Center</b>		
1083 Line Street, Jacksonville, FL 32209	630-0724	

### **City**

- City Council Member Warren Jones District 9 - Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2008 6-7:30 p.m. at Pine Forest Elementary School, 3929 Grant - Contact: (904) 630-1395 for more information.

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### **Council Town Hall Meetings:**

- Florida Neighborhoods Conference – June 26-28, 2008 in Tallahassee
- 2008 National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 5, 2008
- 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

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### **Chairman's Report**

- Chairman Williams passed the subcommittee volunteer list to members to sign up.
- An updated contact information sheet was also passed around so that members can share the dates of their meetings to share information with members.
- He welcomed two new members, Terri Florio and Ashley Strickland from MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation at Emmet Reed in Durkeeville. They will be opening their new \$3 million dollar facility on May 16.
- Chairman Williams and members want to be successful and work together on issues and make positive changes for the Urban Core.
  - Members had concerns that some city divisions/departments when confronted with a problem would state that it was not their area and would pass the problem off instead of helping to address the issue with the proper department.
  - Members also had concerns with the loitering laws and their enforcement in the neighborhoods, in front of stores and on street corners.
- A Motion by Member Hartman to endorse the third draft on "Developing a Community Based Improvement Process for Jacksonville's Urban Core Based on a New Partnership between Industry, Residents, UNF and Government Keyed to Innovative Ideas that Capitalize on the Urban Core's Assets" was made with a second by Member Miller. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.

### **Announcements/Public** Comments - None

### **Motion to Adjourn**

*Member Vanderlaan called to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Chairperson Williams. The Vote: All agreed. Chairperson Williams thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.*

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on **Monday, April 7, 2008**  
at 5 p.m. in the Main Library, Conference Room G-4, 303 N. Laura St.

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