

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, May 5, 2008

Members

Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chair
Geraldine Walker, 12th Street Loyalty
Luellen Logan, 29th & Chase
Dr. Janetta Norman, Charter Member
Beverly Toney, Fresh Ministries
Michael Hartman, The Parks at the Cathedral
Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR Council
Susan Noonan, Springfield Women's Club
Councilman Don Redman, District 4
Councilman Dr. Johnny Gaffney, District 7

Ruth Arnold, 2nd Mile Ministries
Catherine Morton, 12th Street Loyalty
Yvonne Lane, Bridge the Gap
Lula Brown, Eastside Resource Center
Ashley Strickland, MaliVai Washington Kids
Eula Canty, Planet Watch
Flore Johnson-McPherson, Springfield Watch
Scot Wilson, District 4 Executive Assistant

Excused

Rex Williams, Deloris Swain, Johnny Swain, Floree Johnson-McPherson

Guests

Former Sheriff Nat Glover, JCC – Kids Zone
Nancy Kilgo, JEA
Pat Willis, Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)
Betty Chance, Planet Watch

Dr. Shannon Perry, JCC
Brian Pippin, JEA
Nichelle Stone, DCPS
Tiara Carroll, 2nd Mile Ministries

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison
Emery Nauden, Susan Cohn, Brian Small, Planning and Development
Milton Locklear, FDOT
Devron Cody, Municipal Code Compliance

JSO Sgt. Yul
Jocelyn Turner, DOH
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

Call to Order

Vice Chair Tippins called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. in the Main Library in Conference Room G-4 and welcomed everyone. She stated that Chairman Rex Williams is out of town for the meeting and is excused.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Walker made a Motion to accept the minutes from the April 7, 2008 meeting. Lula Brown was excused for the April meeting. A second was made by Member Arnold. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Guest Speakers

JEA

Nancy Kilgo, Director of Government Relations, introduced Brian Pippin the JEA Conservation Coordinator. He passed out brochures on energy conservation and a 75 watt replacement ECObulb that lasts up to 7 years. There also was a pledge card to use it.

- JEA is the 8th largest municipal in the country, not investor owned. JEA took over from the City in 1997. They have invested millions of dollars on debt and replacing aging pipes. There are challenges with the budgets but they want to continue to work on cleaning up the discharge into the St. Johns River.
- On the Electric side there are more challenges with climate change, acquiring the cheapest power and having coal plants. The current trend is to improve the technologies with emissions whether it's with natural gas or nuclear.
- The City Irrigation Ordinance for watering only 2 days a week will save water but there are exceptions like if you just planted new grass. JEA is educating people to reduce consumption.
- Members had numerous questions on older homes not having insulation and if there will be a program or construction methods to help with this. Remember that JEA does do free home inspections to help save energy. There was a suggestion to have grants/loans available in particular to help the elderly with home conservation.

Jacksonville's Children's Program Similar to the Harlem's Children's Zone

Former Sheriff Nat Glover and Dr. Shannon Perry, Deputy Director of the Jacksonville's Children's Commission reported on the following new program that will be similar to the Harlem's Children's Zone (www.hcz.org). The Mayor and others went to N.Y.C. and looked at this successful program and wanted to bring it to Jacksonville. The idea is to meet the needs of a child from conception through graduating from college. They looked at all of Jacksonville's demographics and 8 statistical reporting census tracks. They narrowed it down to 3 census tracks.

- They decided on Census Track 28.02 - New Town and Grand Park to start the Jacksonville Children's Zone - this will not be the name. They have been meeting with community leaders and school leaders from Butler, SP Livingston, EWC and Grand Park
- This new program will address the needs of children with services that are not isolated. This Census Track is very large and they want to start in a smaller area within the 28.02 track.
- Members had questions on the following:
 - Funding? They have \$300,000 and are working with JCC.
 - Will there be a need for mentors? They are working on many strategies that will be needed.
 - What other ways will you be getting the word out about the program? There have been a few Times Union articles on this already and going to the community, CPACs, ShAdCos to get the word out along with Pam Paul, Co-chair of the Jacksonville Children's Zone.
 - They will be housed in the JCC office and staffed by Dr. Shannon Perry along with Director Linda Lanier.
 - How was the Census Track chosen? They took a bus tour of three areas along with all the statistics and it was narrowed down to 28.02 after the tour.
 - Members wanted to be sure that word about the program was going to get out to the entire community and this way no-one can say they didn't know about it.

Vice Chair Tippins thanked them both for coming and looked forward to the details of the program at a future meeting.

Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)

Nichelle Stone, Director, K-12 Support Services Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) and Deputy Director Pat Willis spoke on the District's Top Priorities:

- 2008-09 Budget short fall of \$70 million dollars
- District Strategic Plan – this will be long range plan to guide and govern the board and the district for the next four years. It can be viewed on line at www.duvalschools.org
- District Accreditation (SACS CASH) is underway and they will be visiting in Oct. 2008.
- Academic & Community Excellence (ACE) is a roadmap for future facility needs. There will be a second round of public meetings beginning in June. This document is also on line at www.duvalschools.org
- Comprehensive Student Support System (CSSS) is in the process of creating a document that lays out the details on how students will be serviced by all departments in the district.
- Turnaround Schools – 30 schools have been identified as possible Turnaround Schools for the 2008-09 School Year based on criteria from the FCAT, Adequate Yearly Progress and or unique academic circumstances. The list will be finalized once the FCAT scores are received.
- New School Cluster Organization – next year there will be 2 elementary clusters (all elementary Turnaround Schools are included in one cluster) 1 middle school cluster and 1 high school cluster. Each cluster will have a dedicated team.
- Community and Family Engagement – this office will continue to involve SAC and PTSA in various initiatives but the major initiative is to provide 20, 000 mentors to students in the district by 2020. They are also committed to providing 1 business partner and faith based partnership to the 30 designated Turnaround Schools.
- Members had numerous questions on the following: how does a school decide what to cut and what to offer and not offer like band? How is funding allocated?
 - The funds are all allocated the same way – each student is an FTE and the number of students at the school determines how much money each school will get.
 - The principal is responsible to balance the budget and decide on the cuts with advice from the shared governance team, SAC and School Improvement Team (SIT). If a student receives a level one/two in reading they will have to go to intensive reading and will not be able to get an elective for that slot.
- Do parents have a Choice to change schools if they are a Turnaround School? Yes.
- Member Vanderlaan, Chair of the Youth and Education Committee asked about a letter that was sent to Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals on Childhood Obesity a few months ago. He wanted to know what was going on with junk food and P.E. The Florida Legislation worked on the number of hours that students will get in P.E.
- Members also asked that a DCPS rep come to the UC CPAC each month. Deputy Director Willis said that they would try to send a rep every other month or quarterly.

Vice Chair Tippins Thanked them both for coming and looked forward to future presentations.

Planning and Development

FLUM (Future Land Use Maps) – Planner Susan Cohn talked about the “What does Jacksonville’s future look like” with the FLUM. The maps have not been updated since 1990. There are 22 different categories. Land Use is the “Vision” for future growth and development. Zoning is the tool that implements the vision. Why update? Over recent years the FLUM has been operating similar to the zoning map. In over 9 years they have processed 2000 applications to amend the FLUM. This means the map is outdated and the state mandates the update. They will use vision plans as a base for updating the FLUM. They will need to include transportation, infill and redevelopment. Public participation will most important. The draft of the plan will be due in Oct. /Nov. and the adopted plan due sometime in April/May 2009. If you would like someone to come to your community to speak on this please call Shakeeb Shariff at 630-7221 or Sshariff@coj.net or communityplanning@coj.net

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Sgt. Yul reported that crime is down in high crime areas due to OSS (Operation Safe Streets) 70 officers hitting the violent crime areas as well as property crime. This is a short term solution but the long term is to hire more police officers. They are still short even with 40 officers coming out of the Academy they are replacing retiring officers. Auto theft is up and the common way people are losing their cars is by leaving them running, being open and keys in the ignition. Be careful and remind yourself to not become a victim of auto theft. If you see a crime please call either 911 or 630-0500. Members had concerns about the number of officers and how to help Sheriff Rutherford get the number of officers needed. Members stated that officers are truly needed even with the budget concerns. Sgt. Yul reported that his five bike officers alone arrested 88 people. Members want to get their voice heard for officers protecting the city. Members also had concerns with police pulling over youth workers five times in one week and searching their van while when they got robbed it took hours for the police to arrive. Member Dr. Norman thanked JSO for the great job in closing the grocery store on 21st and Myrtle which was a drug haven. Remember that you can go on a JSO ride along to see what the police officers have to deal with. For information call the Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org

Mayor's Representative – Carolyn Shehee-Williams - No report. She 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 but if you see colorful signs go up in your neighborhood be sure to call and find out what is happening. Planner Nauden can be reached at 630-0258 or enauden@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance – Officer Devron Cody reported on the following demolitions:

- 1528 Walnut Street
- 1578 35th Street West
- 2827 Davis St. North
- 1918 Hubbard St.
- 2914 Moncrief Rd.
- 3918 Moncrief Rd.
- 3224 Myrtle Ave. North
- 1425 Frances St.
- 1427 Frances St.
- 1119 Hart St.
- 1051 5th Street West
- 1489 25th Street West

The following properties have been demolished:

- 1525 22nd Street East
- 1129 23rd Street West

They are planning to do systematic inspections in May in the Mid-Westside.

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

Department of Health – Jocelyn Turner - No report. 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:

- JTA has a new Trolley Service from downtown to Riverside. It costs \$.50 per ride. It is available Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and a trolley will pass a stop approximately every 10 minutes.
- **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:

May 15: FCCJ North Campus, Zeke Bryant Auditorium, 4501 Capper Road, 32218

May 22: Clanzel Brown Community Center, 4575 Moncrief Road, 32209

May 29: FCCJ South Campus, Wilson Center for the Arts, 11901 Beach Blvd., 32246

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 - Wednesday, June 04, 2008 1 p.m. Main Library 303 N. Laura St., Multi-Purpose Room - This meeting will review the recommendations of the Funding Subcommittee.
- **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).
- Mayor's Seeds of Change Summer Jobs Program for teens 16 to 21 years old – sign up with Temeka Bridges, 798-9229 X 2206 or Tbridges@worksourefl.com – Please be prepared to bring a photo ID, Social Security card and birth certificate.
- JCC Summer Camp Program – call 630-3647 or www.jaxkids.net for a complete list of camps for children in Duval County in kindergarten through 15 years old. More info will be available at the Jax. Journey meetings.
- Lending a Helping Paw – supply drive for homeless pets accepted city-wide from May 1 -31- drop off at library branches, City Hall or Animal Care and Control. For more info call 630-CITY or www.coj.net/pets

- JaxParks presents Movies in the Park (Jumanji) Friday, May 23, 2008 at 7p.m. the movie starts @ dusk Carvill Park - 1302 Carvill Ave.. For more info. call 904 630-4100
- 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 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 under the stars at Simonds-Johnson Park.
- **Artwalk** in Downtown Jacksonville May 7, 2008. Free Self-Guided Tours with monthly venues. For more info. contact Michelle Brooks at 634-0303, ext. 230.
- 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.coj.net.

Senior Centers will be hosting **Open Houses** from 2-4 p.m. except where noted:
 Louis Dinah Senior Center 1805 Flaa Street, Jacksonville, FL 32209 630-0728 June 24, 2008 at 2 p.m.

City Council

- City Council District 9 - Town Hall Meeting - Monday, June 16, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. - 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
- Seniors Residents – For information on upcoming events call 630-7392
 - o 5-21-08 Senior Expo Prime Osborn Convention Center

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

Vice Chair's Report – Vice Chair Tippins welcomed Councilman Don Redman, District 4 to the meeting along with his assistant Scott Wilson. They were both glad to be at the meeting and were there to listen to the UC CPACs concerns. As Councilman Redman was leaving Councilman Dr. Johnny Gaffney, District 7 arrived. He stated that he was there to support "us all".

Subcommittees

Hospitality – There are no funds to keep the refreshments going. Therefore the meetings will no longer have soft drinks and cookies.

LUZ – Member Hartman reported that at the March UC CPAC meeting his plan 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 Energy and Environmental Ideas that Capitalize on the Urban Core's Assets" was approved. He had a meeting last week with former Mayor Delaney and now President of UNF. He is planning to meet with JEA as well. He will report back to the committee in August.

Membership – no report

Utilities - no report

Transportation – no report

Announcements/Public Comments

- Vice Chair Tippins asked members to please attend the Jacksonville Journey Solution Sessions and help get the information to your community and bring some of your neighbors to the meeting.
- Next week is Mother's Day and it is also National Women's Health Week, be active and increase your physical activity. If you go to www.4woman.gov and make a promise to do something.
- The UNF Diversity Job Fair will be on June 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Building 43 for full and part time jobs. Please pass this information on the friends and neighbors.
- A question on how to get street light bulbs replaced was asked. The neighborhoods are extremely dark. They had reported a number of poles but they have not been replaced. JEA Nancy Kilgo will get with them on the poles numbers to get this taken care of.

Motion to Adjourn

Vice Chair Tippins adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.
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NO Meeting in July.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on **Monday, August 4, 2008**
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