

Urban Core ~ District 1  
**Meeting Summary of the  
Citizens Planning and Advisory Committee  
FCCJ Urban Resource Center – 601 W. State St. Rm. 411  
Monday, November 1, 2004**

**Committee Members Present**

**Betty Chance**, Planet Watch  
**Celia Miller**, M.A.N.I.A.  
**Deloris Swain**, Grand BLVD Crime Watch  
**Doug Vanderlaan**, Springfield Preservation & Reservation  
**Ethel Griffin**, 29<sup>th</sup> & Chase  
**Eula Canty**, Planet Watch  
**Floree Johnson-McPherson**, N.W. Quad. Neighborhood Watch  
**Henrietta Hill- Murray**, Heroines of Jericho  
**Janetta Norman**, Chairman  
**JoAnn Smith**, Cathedral Residents  
**Johnny Swain**, Grand BLVD Crime Watch  
**Luellen Logan**, 29<sup>th</sup> & Chase  
**Satonia Hart**, Clara White Mission

**City/Staff/Public/Media**

**Ayesha Covington**, Brooklyn Neighborhood Association  
**Doris Leach**, District 1 Planner, NSD  
**Gregory Owens**, JEA  
**James Richardson**, NSD  
**Keith McLaughlin**, FCCJ-DTC  
**Kenneth Avery**, Planning & Development  
**Lorrie DeFrank**, NSD  
**Rex Homlin**, Better Jax Plan  
**Ruth Arnold**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Ministries  
**Sage Stevens**, Metro North CDC  
**Sherry Hall**, WSEA  
**Teala Milton**, JEA  
**Valerie Williams**, COJ, Consumer Affairs

**Call to Order**

Dr. Janetta Norman, CPAC chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM at FCCJ Urban Resource Center room 411, 601 W. State Street

**Approval of the Meeting Summary**

A motion to approve the minutes from October 4, 2004 meeting was made by Luellen Logan and in second by Floree Johnson-McPherson.

**Guest Speaker(s)**

**Scheduled Speaker – Rex Homlin**, *Better Jax Plan*

**Topic: Main Library.** Reported that the total project budget is \$95 million dollars, and a local firm is handling construction. The new facility is 74% completed and is 30,000 square feet. Some of the amenities will included over 300 computers and a café and courtyard. A 600-car garage adjacent to the facility is also under construction.

**Scheduled Speaker – Sherry Hall**, *Communications Director, Water & Sewer Expansion Authority*

**Topic: Water and Septic Tank Fee Structures.** Discussed fee schedules for retrofit of sewer lines. Program is voluntary and is being funded with a \$5 million gift from City of Jacksonville. The city will contribute a percentage of the total cost per residential project, on installation of lines, which is incentivized on the front end. The average cost per project is \$5,000 - \$20,000, and is payable over a period of up to 30 years. Jacksonville has some 175 thousand septic tanks and 118 thousand wells.

**Scheduled Speaker – Teala Milton**, *Vice President Government Affairs JEA*

**Topic: History/Structure of JEA.** Reported that Jim Dickinson is current CEO and had the task of implementing the first rate increase in years. Stated that tree canopies were responsible for 99% of power

outages during this hurricane season. Informed members that the cost to install underground power lines is \$1 million per mile.

**Announcements**

**Floree Johnson-McPherson** announced that the Gateway Park located at 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Boulevard will be renamed to the John N. McPherson Park in February

**Staff Reports**

**Duval County School Board – Not present**

**Ken Avery**, Planning and Development – **No report**

**Doris Leach**, planning coordinator, informed members that regular yard waste collection would resume on November 25, 2004.

**Old Business** – The Urban Core bus Tour is planned for November 17, 2004 from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. Participants will board at the BBIC, located at 2933 N. Myrtle Avenue.

**New Business** – Elections

**Dr. Janetta Norman**, chair, selected the following members for the nominating subcommittee: Luellen Logan, Ethel Griffin, and Joanne Smith.

**Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM

The next CPAC meeting is scheduled for 5:00 PM, December 6, 2004 at Florida Community College Jacksonville, Urban Resource Center Room 411.