

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Meeting Location: Main Library – Conference Room G 4 – 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: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer 255-8236



Meeting Summary Monday, November 5, 2007

Members

Dr. Janetta Norman, Chair

Luellen Logan, 29th & Chase

Louvenia Tippins, Charter Member

Beverly Toney, FreshMinistries

Deloris & Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard

Eula Canty, Planet Watch

Floree Johnson-McPherson, Springfield Watch

Bishop E. M. Johnson, Vice Chair

Ruth Arnold, 2nd Mile Ministries

Lula Brown, Eastside Resource Center

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

Michael Hartman, The Parks at the Cathedral

Susan Noonan, Springfield Women's Club

Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR Council

Guests

Chad Burns, Early Learning Coalition

Willie Doley

Yolanda Binns

Betty Chance, Planet Watch

Edith Green

Barney Roberts

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison

Marvin Echols, Emery Nauden and Susan Cohn, Planning and Development

Elaine Lancaster and Devron Cody, Municipal Code Compliance

Jocelyn Turner, DOH

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

JSO Officer D.L. Perkins

Milton Locklear, FDOT

Call to Order

Chairperson Norman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library in Conference Room G-4 and welcomed everyone.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Floree Johnson- McPherson made a Motion to accept the summary from the Oct. 1, 2007 meeting as read. A second was made by Member Ruth Arnold. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office – Officer Perkins had no report but JSO can be reached at JSO Gateway Sub Station 924-5361 or JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org

Mayor's Representative – Carolyn Shehee-Williams had no report but can be reached at 630-1994 or CSHEHEE@coj.net

Duval County Public Schools –not present but with the change in superintendents hope to get a representative to the meeting.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Milton Locklear had no report but members had questions about the Matthews Bridge. Milton will get this information for the next meeting. A question on when will I-95/ I-10 be finished – it is projected to be complete in 2011-201. He can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

Planning and Development – Planner Marvin Echols had no report but can be reached at 630-2414 or mechols@coj.net. Member Doug Vanderlaan made a motion to write to the City Council members on the following:

The Urban Core CPAC opposes the adoption of ORDINANCE 2007-1046. The "special uses" exceptions to our historic zoning overlay, such as boarding houses, have often been the sites of increased crime, and they detract from the revitalization of the historic district. We think that a reduction of required interior space per person from 300 ft² to 100 ft² will harm the city's efforts to continue the improvement of this historic Urban Core neighborhood.

A second was made by Member Johnson-McPherson. Point of Order: A discussion did not occur and members wished to bring the motion to the table once again. Member Vanderlaan presented the Motion once and again and Member Johnson-McPherson made the second. A lengthy discussion on Ordinance 2007-1046 ensued. The Vote: 13 in favor, one opposed.

ECD – Municipal Code Compliance – Supervisor Elaine Lancaster introduced fellow Officer Devron Cody. She reported that there will be a number of demolitions to take place with the bulk in East Jacksonville. The office is in the process of cross training with the zoning office. Currently there are four zoning officers and after the training there will be 46 with the Municipal Code Compliance Officers. They just completed a systematic review of East Jacksonville with approximately 352 violations. Members commended Supervisor Lancaster and the Municipal Code Compliance Division for the great job they are doing. Members had questions and in particular the process of how the city handles demolitions. Supervisor Lancaster can be reached at 391-3520 or the main office number at 391-3600.

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

- Register on line for Mayor Peyton's **Rally Jacksonville** Book Club for 4 year olds: <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Childrens+Commission/default.htm> For info call 630-4754.
- **City Link for City Services call 630-CITY (630-2489)** please have the exact address and get a tracking number and estimated date of completion.
- **Property Tax Reform** On Monday, Oct. 29, the Florida Legislature passed legislation to place items on the Jan. 29 ballot aimed at reforming the property tax system in Florida. Voters will have the opportunity to decide on the proposal which includes: an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption on homesteaded property with an assessed value above \$50,000 (would apply to all taxing authorities except the school district), portability of the "Save Our Homes" cap on homesteaded property up to \$500,000, a \$25,000 exemption on all tangible personal property accounts and a 10% cap on annual increases in the assessed value of non-homesteaded property. The Super Exemption, recommended by the legislature this summer, is no longer an active proposal and will NOT appear on the January 29 ballot. More details relating to the proposals will be provided as they become available from the Tax Collector's office.
- A copy of the City of Jacksonville's reorganization chart was passed out with the report.
- Flyers were available for the quarterly meeting with the Mayor for his older buddies – MOB on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at Metropolitan Park at 10:30 a.m.
- Flyers were available for the Mayor's Holiday Festival for Seniors on Saturday, December 1, 2007 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center from 2 – 5 p.m. at a cost of \$2 per ticket (60+) 630-7392
- The next **CPAC** (Citizens Planning Advisory Committee) meetings will be:
 - Urban Core: Monday, November 5, 2007** 5 p.m. Main Library, 303 N. Laura St., Room G-4
 - Arlington: Monday, November 19, 2007** 6 p.m. Regency Library, 9900 Regency Square
 - Southeast: Monday, November 26, 2007** 6:30 p.m. St. Luke's Hospital, 4201 Belfort Rd. Aud. C
 - Southwest: Monday, November 5, 2007** 7 p.m. FCCJ Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt G 125
 - Northwest: No meeting due to the bus tour cancellation**
 - North: Wednesday, November 14, 2007** 4 p.m. FCCJ North Campus, 5401 Capper Rd. C-136
- Holiday - City Offices will be CLOSED - Monday, November 12, 2007 for Veterans Day
- Veterans Day Parade - Monday, November 12, 2007 at 11:01 a.m. Downtown Jacksonville

- Light up the river...Light up the sky Light up the holidays at the 2007 Jacksonville Light Parade Saturday, November 24, Downtown Riverfront at 7 p.m. – fireworks will follow the parade.
- The Grants Management Office has a web site with information about local, state, federal and private grants. <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Administration+and+Finance/Grants+Management+Office/default.htm>
- The Mayor is looking for "Great Ideas" that go along with his priorities on the Web site at www.coj.net
- City Council meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday 6pm City Council Chambers – City Hall, 117 W. Duval St. For information call 630-1377.
- School Board Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm School Board Building - 1701 Prudential Dr. For information please call 390-2000.
- ShAdCo (Sheriff's Advisory Council) **Zone 5** call 384-8028 210 S. McDuff Avenue
Zone 4 call 573-3165 Cedar Hills Shopping Center
Zone 1 call 924-5361 Gateway Shopping Center
- Police Non-Emergency 630-0500 Police Neighborhood Watch – 630-2160
- First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it

Marilyn can be reached at 255-8236 or Mfharmer@coj.net

Department of Health – Jocelyn Turner reported on the following:

- November is Diabetes month and on Nov. 17 there will be a forum at Bethel Baptist to how to care for diabetes. You can learn how to cook healthy.
- Flu shots are available next to Phil's Shoe Store for \$20.

Jocelyn can be reached at 630-3373 or Jocelyn_Turner@doh.statel.fl.us

Guest Speaker

- Chad Burns, Community Outreach Manager "Early Learning Coalition of Duval's quality rating system, improving the quality of child care in our community and helping get the word out so parents can make better informed choices" gave an overview of the program and passed out brochures. On Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 10 a.m. the Mayor will hold a press conference on the program. Guiding Stars of Jacksonville is a five star program based on early childhood research. Each star represents an increased level of quality. They are evaluated on: environmental structure, ratio/group size, quality staff development, and parent/family involvement. The Early Learning Coalition also does Child Care Resource and Referral. For more information call 208-2044 or check out the Web site at www.elcofduval.org

Subcommittee Reports

- **Nominating Committee** –Chairperson Canty reported that the UC CPAC slate of officers for 2008 are:
 - Rex Williams for Chair
 - Louvenia Tippins for Vice Chair.
 Elections will take place at the next meeting Monday, December 3, 2007.
- **Membership** – Chairperson Vanderlaan had no report.
- **Youth, Schools, and Recreation** – Chairperson Vanderlaan reported that the letter from last month's motion to the Duval County School Board was rewritten to the Acting Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals and will be sent out tomorrow.
- **Land Use, Planning and Zoning** – Member Williams not present
- **Environmental and Research** – Chairperson Hartman reported he would like to set up a time for a subcommittee meeting. He was not sure who the members of this committee were. Members Toney and Planet Watch neighbor Ms. Chance were on the committee. He reported that there was not enough time on the proposal for the NOA grant and has shelved it. Member Toney apologized for not being at the meetings but has been ill but did receive a grant and part of it is for Deer Creek.

Chair's Report

Chairperson Norman reported on the following:

- She called the Office of General Counsel to ask them to come to the January 2008 meeting to go over Roberts Rules – how to run a meeting and the Sunshine Laws. She wants the transition from her leadership to be a very smooth one. She will continue to be a Charter member and will help in any way she can.
- There appears to be some confusion if you are a member or not. Letters were sent to members that have not been attending the meetings regularly and the status of their appointment.
- Chairperson Norman thanked Marilyn Fenton-Harmer for the follow through on all things related to the UC CPAC.
- Chairperson Norman thanked Jocelyn Turner for coming to the meeting and all staff members that attend on behalf of the UC CPAC.
- She asked members to remember that when we vote on Dec. 3 for the 2008 Chair and Vice Chair only the primary member will get to vote with one vote per organization.
- Chairperson Norman wanted members to start thinking about a memorial to name a project for Michael Bryant who was the former UC CPAC Chair and Vice Chair and worked so hard for the Urban Core via FreshMinistries. Member Noonan commented that the Women's Club was putting a marble bench in Klutho Park in his memory. She also talked about her other mentor Flossie Brunson.
- She asked members to attend the next Stormwater Committee (SWAC) meeting for public input on November 15, 2007 for a Public Hearing 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Main Library Auditorium, 303 Laura Street, Jacksonville FL 32202

Announcements

- The annual Springfield Holiday Tour will be the weekend of Dec. 8 and 9.

Motion to Adjourn

Chairperson Norman thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on **Monday, December 3, 2007**
at 5 p.m. in the Main Library, Conference Room G-4, 303 N. Laura St.

Submitted by:

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer

Neighborhood Coordinator

Urban Core

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214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor
Jacksonville, FL 32202



November 5, 2007

Ed Pratt-Dannals, Acting Superintendent
Duval County Public Schools
1701 Prudential Dr.
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Acting Superintendent Pratt-Dannals,

At the October 1, 2007 the Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (UC CPAC) meeting voted unanimously to write to you on the following:

We are concerned about the growing problem of childhood obesity and the associated health problems in children in Duval County. Along with parents, children and health care providers, we believe that the Duval County Schools can and should play a bigger role in combating this problem. To that end, we ask that the school commit to the following measures beginning in the academic year 2008-2009, in general accordance with the 2006 recommendations made by the Duval County Health Department's Childhood Obesity Prevention Policy Development Workgroup and the Healthy Jacksonville Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition:

- *Ban all in-school sales of candy and soda immediately before, during and immediately after regular school hours.*
- *Make healthy foods available and accessible at all meals served at school, and do not offer foods with poor nutritional value, and which intrinsically promote obesity.*
- *Provide 150 minutes of instructional physical education per week to elementary students throughout the school year.*
- *Provide 225 minutes of instructional physical education per week to middle and high school students throughout the school year.*
- *Allow students to be moderately to vigorously active for at least 50% of the time in physical education classes.*
- *Provide adequate facilities and numbers of qualified physical education teachers for these classes.*
- *Provide opportunities for supervised, unstructured physical activity time, such as recess, for 20 minutes a day.*

We furthermore ask that the Duval County Schools work in partnership with the Duval County Health Department and the Healthy Jacksonville Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition to conduct an annual audit of the implementation of these policies, and that this audit be conducted early enough to permit any needed changes to be made in the successive school year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janetta", written in dark ink.

Dr. Janetta Norman
UC CPAC Chair

cc: Duval County School Board Members

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November 15, 2007

Jacksonville City Council Members

City of Jacksonville

117 W. Duval St.

Jacksonville, FL 32202

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Dr. Janetta Norman

UC CPAC Chair

cc: City Council Members