

# 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)



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## Meeting Summary Monday, November 3, 2008

### Members

Rex Williams, Chairman

Geraldine Walker, 12<sup>th</sup> Street Loyalty

Dr. Janetta Norman, Charter Member

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

Ashley Strickland, Mal Washington Kids

Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR Council

Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chair

Catherine Morton, 12<sup>th</sup> Street Loyalty

Lula Brown, Eastside Resource Center

Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard

Michael Hartman, The Parks at the Cathedral

Flore Johnson-McPherson, Springfield Watch

### Excused

Yvonne Lane, Deloris Swain, Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Milton Locklear

### Guests

Robenson Joseph, EPA

Davis Stubbs, JAXPORT

Kristina Nelson, COJ OGC

Tiara Carroll

L'Tonya Spencer, EPA

Scott Skinner, JAXPORT

Deborah Walters, COJ OGC

Steve Patterson, Times Union

### Staff/Resource

Ebenezer Guijarlapudi, Director ERM

Emery Nauden, Planning

Elaine Lancaster, Municipal Code

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

Vince Seibold, EQD

Shorty Robbins, DRCS

Jocelyn Turner, DOH

### Call to Order

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. in the Main Library, Conference Room G – 4 with a moment of silence and welcomed everyone. This will be the last meeting for the year 2008.

### Approval of the Minutes

*Member Dr. Norman made a Motion to accept the minutes from the Oct. 6, 2008 meeting. A second was made by Member Swain. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.*

### Guest Speaker

**EPA Remedial Project Manager, Superfund Remedial Branch,** Robenson Joseph gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Kerr McGee Jacksonville Superfund Site located at 1611 Tallyrand Ave. He showed a map with the location of the 31-acre site. From 1893 to 1978 the site operated as a fertilizer packaging and distributing facility. The buildings on the sites were demolished leaving the foundations and overgrown landscaping. From 1984 to 2006 tests were done and analyzed on soil, groundwater and sediments in the St. Johns River. They found numerous contaminants: VOCs (volatile organic compounds) pesticides, PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and others. The remedy is to cap the entire site to prevent infiltration of the soil, build a slurry wall to contain the ground water, have a pump and treat system, build a seawall and bulkhead to contain the sediment and monitor the groundwater and well network. The proposed plan was issued in June 2008 with the public comments from June 16 to Aug. 27, 2008. They are working on the comments they received (75) and the Record of Decision (ROD – public document that explains which cleanup alternative will be used at a

Superfund site and the reason for selecting the alternative). In mid August/September they learned that Tronox LLC (the owner of the property from 1970 to the present) was having financial difficulties. The EPA does not want to enter into an agreement with a company that will not be there and that will not have the necessary funds to clean up the site. Regardless the site will be cleaned up. Tronox will have a better idea on their finances at the end of the year. There has also been talk of selling the property but the new owner would have the liability of the clean up. Once the package is complete it will be sent to the EPA headquarters and the site may be put on the NPL list for clean up. Members had numerous questions such as when will the package be ready? Mr. Joseph responded that most likely in February or early March 2009. Member Hartman wanted the EPA to understand the importance of the citizens that live in the area and the impact on future developments. He also stated that Tronox is a spin off company of Kerr McGee Corporation. Do they have civil investigators looking at Kerr McGee for the clean up? Yes. He wanted to be sure that they not only look at the cost of the cleanup but the risks to the citizens. By removing the contamination you remove the risks. Also by capping the soil you do not take into consideration flooding and the well water. EPA L'Tonya Spencer remarked that the questions are being addressed. The process may take 3 to 5 years but that is to be determined with the ROD. Members wanted handouts to read up on this. There were a few copies from the June 2008 meeting. The web site is: [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) (<http://cfpub.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0400614>) and to read up on toxic substances: <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/statefactsheets/sfs-fl.html> Members asked JAXPORT guests if they were to speak, no just to listen to the presentation. Members also asked if Tronox goes bankrupt will the property be cleaned up. Yes. Chairman Williams thanked the speakers for attending the meeting.

#### **Staff Reports**

**Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)** Not present. For information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or [JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org)

**Mayor's Representative** – Excused. Members asked if the Mayor's Representative could help in determining who the responsible party is on the light poles that hold banners in Downtown and Springfield. The majority of the banner poles are damaged and they are getting the run around on who can help replace them. Carolyn Shehee Williams can be reached at 630-1994 or [CSHEHEE@coj.net](mailto:CSHEHEE@coj.net)

**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** – Emery Nauden had no report. Planner Nauden can be reached at 630-0258 or [enauden@coj.net](mailto:enauden@coj.net)

**Municipal Code Compliance** – Zone 1 Supervisor Elaine Lancaster had no report. Supervisor Lancaster can be reached at 391-3520. Property Safety can be reached at 391-3600 or [psafety@coj.net](mailto:psafety@coj.net)

**Department of Health** – Jocelyn Turner, Director of Community Relations & Health Promotion, had no report. Jocelyn Turner can be reached at 253-2037 or [Jocelyn.Turner@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Jocelyn.Turner@doh.state.fl.us)

**Recreation and Community Services** – Shorty Robbins reported that they have a community survey to get input on activities that they would like to see at various centers. There were 10 per group and to please bring them back to the January meeting. Shorty mentioned that Daryl Joseph can assist once land has been acquired for a park if that would happen with the restoration of Deer Creek. JaxParks presents Movies in the Park at Clanzel Brown, Friday, December 12, 2008 from 6 pm - 9:30 pm 4545 Moncrief Blvd. Come watch a holiday movie; with free refreshments. For more information call 630-4100. Shorty Robbins can be reached at 630-3570 or [shortyr@coj.net](mailto:shortyr@coj.net)

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

- **The Housing and Neighborhoods Department – Community Development Division will host the following: 2009/2010 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Application Workshops**

If you would like to apply for a 2009/2010 CDBG Grant you must attend one Technical Assistance Workshop:

**Tuesday November 6, 2008 – 2 p.m. – Beaver Street Enterprise Center – Event Hall**

1225 West Beaver Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204

**Thursday, November 13, 2008 – 6 p.m. – Housing and Neighborhoods Dept.**

214 N. Hogan St., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 851, Jacksonville, FL 32202

If you are a new agency applying for a CDBG you must attend a Budget Workshop:

**Monday, December 1, 2008 – 3 p.m. – Housing and Neighborhoods Dept.**

214 N. Hogan St., 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 851, Jacksonville, FL 32202

- The ACE report for the NW was just released and they are proposing boundary changes for S.A. Hull into Dinsmore Elementary and Mamie Agnes to Whitehouse Elementary for 2009-10 and consolidate West Jacksonville into S.P. Livingston Elementary. For 2010 adjusting middle school boundaries and consolidate Woodson into surrounding schools. Neighborhood meetings at the schools that are proposed for change would occur.
- **The Housing Services Division is sponsoring classes on: Facing Foreclosure?** Call 630-CITY to info.
- The Ritz Theatre & LaVilla Museum, 829 N. Davis St. will host **Tuesday, Nov. 4** History in Motion: 2008 Presidential Election at 8 p.m. free but please RSVP to 632-5555 or visit [www.ritzlavilla.com](http://www.ritzlavilla.com).
- Jacksonville Area legal Aid Northside "Project House-Hold" can be reached at 390-4019
- Jacksonville Journey Funding Solicitations are in progress:  
(<http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey/Funding+Solicitations.htm#team>)  
[TEAM UP After School Programs for the Jacksonville Journey](#) - [Early Learning Program for the Jacksonville Journey](#) - [Juvenile Crime Prevention/Intervention Program for the Jacksonville Journey](#) - [Out of School Suspension for the Jacksonville Journey](#) - [Summer Camp Programs for the Jacksonville Journey and JCC](#) If you are interested in being added to the mailing list regarding future Jacksonville Journey funding solicitations, please make your request by e-mail to [MLAIDLER@coj.net](mailto:MLAIDLER@coj.net).
- **Veterans Day Parade 2008** "Forever Grateful" Tuesday, **November 11, 2008 11:01 a.m.** Downtown Jacksonville For more information, call (904) 630-3690 or email [cbutler@coj.net](mailto:cbutler@coj.net).
- **2008 Jacksonville Light Parade** Light up the river...Light up the sky Light up the holidays **Saturday, November 29** 7 p.m., Downtown Riverfront. For information 630-3690 or e-mail [events@coj.net](mailto:events@coj.net)
- **Metropolitan Park** Charrette Visioning Workshop needs your ideas to help guide future improvements. It will be held Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the training room at the Ed Ball Building near the entrance on Adams Street between Hogan and Julia streets. To participate, call 356-2846 or e-mail [sharrell@jaxpride.org](mailto:sharrell@jaxpride.org)
- The Riverside Arts Market is tentatively set to open March 14, 2009. Riverside Avondale Preservation, Inc. (RAP) has a contest for artists to design a logo for the market that will be underneath the Fuller Warren Bridge structure. The winner will receive a free booth at the market for a month. The deadline is Nov. 12 and submissions should be sent to Doug Coleman at [doug.coleman@yahoo.com](mailto:doug.coleman@yahoo.com)
- Downtown Calendar can be viewed at [www.makeascenedowntown.com](http://www.makeascenedowntown.com)
- 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> - about classes/events at the library visit <http://jpl.coj.net/>
- **Mayor's Senior Holiday Festival** - December 6, 2008 at 2-5 p.m. - Prime Osborn Convention Center - For information call 630-7392 for cost and tickets. Dancing, dining and entertainment at the Mayor's Festival allows seniors to celebrate the holidays in style.
- JaxParks presents **Movies in the Park** at Clanzel Brown, Friday, December 12, 2008 from 6 pm - 9:30 pm 4545 Moncrief Blvd. Come watch a holiday movie; with free refreshments. For more information call 630-4100

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**2009 Elections** – Chairman Williams turned the floor over to the Nominating Subcommittee Chair Member Walker. The slate of officers for 2009:

Rex Williams for Chair and Louvenia Tippins as Vice Chair.

She asked for nominations from the floor. There being none closed the nominations. Each organization received one voting card since only one vote per organization is permitted.

The 2009 vote for Chairman Rex Williams was 12 in favor and none opposed.

The 2009 vote for Vice Chair Louvenia Tippins was 12 in favor and none opposed.

The Slate of Officers was voted upon unanimously for 2009.

## **Presentations**

- On behalf of Mayor Peyton, Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer presented Chairman Williams a framed certificate signed by Mayor Peyton and Director of the Housing and Neighborhoods Department, Wight Greger for his leadership this past year.
- Certificates signed by Mayor Peyton and Director Greger were also presented to Vice Chair Louvenia Tippins and subcommittee leaders.
- Chairman Williams thanked members and presented Certificates of Appreciation to all UC CPAC members and staff in attendance.

## **Subcommittees**

- Member Hartman remarked about the JCCI study on air pollution and if there is a connection on the air and diseases. The Urban Core has one of the highest rates of asthma. A larger study is being considered.
- Hospitality & Beautification – Please don't forget donations for the Hospitality Committee.

## **Chairperson's Report**

- The Main Library Conference Center will be closed on Monday nights. Therefore; the UC CPAC will not be able to meet at this location. The Ed Ball Building Training Room 115 on the lobby level on the Adams Street side is available and booked for us for next year. It is a very nice room that holds 75 people and the parking should be better.
- Chairman Williams asked that Planner Nauden go over Ordinance 2008-889 on the proposed Assisted Living Facility change. The text amendment is moving through the LDR hearing at City Council's LUZ meeting right now. The definition permitted in the LDR is up to 35 beds per acre and should be compatible with the area. The Planning Commission denied this at the hearing. Members were confused with the possible change and definition for "Assisted Living Facilities" since it is not clearly defined. Members wanted to know who was promoting this change. Planner Nauden will find out and report back to members.

## **Announcements/Public Comments**

- Member Walker announced that the Bravo Supermarket that guest speaker James Richardson spoke about at our Sept. meeting is now open. It is clean and very well stocked. Mayor Peyton was there for the Grand Opening and was on TV too. The other stores that were discussed such as Phil's Shoes at Pearl Plaza and the stores on Soutel need to be visited. They were very impressive.
- Member Strickland announced that volunteers are needed at the Mal Washington Center for Thanksgiving and Christmas along with can goods for the food drive. With the new building they have 138 children enrolled.
  - They will be having their annual Christmas Adopt-A-Kid. On Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> they will wrap presents and deliver them to the families.
  - This coming Saturday free tennis lessons will be available from 10:30 a.m. to noon for adults and teens. They are currently revamping their web site but can be reached at 359-KIDS
- Member Miller commented on the ash site remediation. Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A. has been attending meetings on the process of remediation. They would like to solicit the support of the UC CPAC to have something in writing for the neighborhood and Durkeeville. They want to see the Outreach Teams speak at the UC and NW CPAC meetings each month. Members had numerous questions and asked to postpone this topic for a future meeting.

## **Adjournment**

*Chairman Williams thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a Happy and safe Thanksgiving, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.*

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **January 5, 2009**  
at 5 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street, Training Room 115

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