# District #1 - Urban Core

**Citizens Planning Advisory Committee** 

Meeting Location: Ed Ball Building – Training Room 110 – 214 N. Hogan St.

Chair: Christina Parrish 434-0959 <u>ceparrish.CPAC@yahoo.com</u>

Vice Chair: Gerre Walker 355-9757

Mayor's Representative: Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636 <u>cshehe@coj.net</u> Neighborhood Coordinator: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer 255-8236 <u>mfharmer@coj.net</u>



# Meeting Summary Monday, February 6, 2012

## **Members**

Christina Parrish, Chair Catherine Morton, 12<sup>th</sup> Street Loyalty Bobby Lee, FreshMinistries Levoyus Partlow, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A. John Swain, Grand Boulevard Betty Chance, Planet Watch Susan Noonan, Springfield Women's Club Amanda Searle, Sustainable Springfield \*Pending Gerre Walker, Vice Chair Michelle Hughes, FreshMinistries Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A. Deloris Swain, Grand Boulevard Erica Trent, Pathways Charter High School Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR William Hamilton, St. John's Church \*Dorothy Merrick. Plaza Condominiums

**Excused** - Gloria DeVall, Greg Radlinski, Yvonne Lane, Caroline Shehee-Williams, Jonathan Bishop, Pam Roman

## **Guests**

Jocelyn Turner, Duval County Health Dept.Gayle McLaughlin, Duval County Health Dept.Cynthia Benjamin, Duval County Health Dept.Charles Griggs, Duval County Health Dept.Marvin Dunbar, The Hester GroupDebra TinsleyECA for Council Member Lumb, Group 5 At-Large Donna BarrowLara Diettrich, City Beautiful JaxDimitri DemopoulosBill Brinton, City Beautiful Jax

# Staff/Resource

JSO Zone 1 Lt. Christian Smith Emery Nauden, Planning Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhoods Dept. Jim Green, FDOT

# Call to Order

Chair Parrish called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street and welcomed everyone.

Chair Parrish stated that there would be a new way of producing the minutes from the tape recording and asked members to state their name and the group they represent which would be most helpful for the recording.

## Approval of the Minutes

The following corrections were made: In the Municipal Code section – they do have a few pickup trucks. Ms. Merrick – the correct name is the Plaza Condominiums. Member Hamilton made a Motion to accept the minutes as corrected. A second was made by Member Noonan. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

# Guest Speakers

**Department of Health** – Director of Community Relations Jocelyn Turner introduced the Director of Public Health, Communication and Planning Charles Griggs, Dr. Gail McLaughlin and Cynthia Benjamin, TB Program Manager. Ms. Benjamin presented a PowerPoint on TB (attached).

She did speak on the lone standing hospital in Lantana, Florida for people that are noncompliant in taking their TB medication. They could be committed for 6 to 9 months. Dr. McLaughlin stated that in homeless shelters there are environmental controls that need to be followed. There is one shelter that does not have the funds available to have the controls in place but have a verbal commitment to do so. The TB Florida Department of Health website is: www.doh.state.fl.us/disease\_ctrl/tb/

Members had questions and concerns on the following: How long is the verbal commitment? It is for 6 weeks. They are working with the Federal Government to work on the funding. If a person is exposed and not contagious can they get TB again? It could happen but not that often. What can the city do better that they are not doing? The lack of controls in the homeless shelters is one of the largest problems. Ms. Benjamin can be reached at 253-1070. Chair Parrish thanked the Department of Health for this useful information.

City Beautiful Jax - Lara Diettrich, Executive Director, introduced herself. She is an Urban Planner that worked in the Planning Department for the City of Jacksonville for 6 years. City Beautiful Jax use to be JaxPride. There was some confusion with the name and are rebranding. City Beautiful Jax Coalition provides leadership and advocates for a superior quality of life in Jacksonville through visual enhancement of the natural and built environment. In 1989 they were established to advocate for neighborhoods. In 1985 JCCI did a proactive study about visual pollution and they have been working on this ever since. Blight breeds blight and beauty breeds beauty. If you or your neighborhood organization is interested in doing a neighborhood inventory study please call 551-6969. Members asked if there was a charge for this service. No, everything is at no cost but they do have different levels of membership. The participation level starts at \$20 not \$25 as the brochure states. Ms. Diettrich introduced Board Member Bill Brinton. Mr. Brinton spoke about the first neighborhood they worked on was the Eastside with Ms. Flossie Brunson. He talked about various issues they have worked on such as snipe signs, graffiti and litter. Member Miller stated that in 1992 JaxPride was very helpful to Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A. Mr. Brinton stated that the original purpose was that of advocacy and visual enhancements. Lara Diettrich can be reached at 551-6969 or laradiettrich@gmail.com City Beautiful Jax website: http://citybeautifuljax.org/

## Staff Reports:

**JSO** – Zone 1 – Lt. Christian Smith did not have a formal report but stated that the crime numbers were low for downtown. There has been an increase in property crimes. There are no trends but a aggravated batteries and a slight increase to burglary to residents. For information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or <u>JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org</u>

Mayor's Representative – Carolyn Shehee-Williams excused. She can be reached at 630-1994 or <u>CSHEHEE@coj.net</u>

Project New Ground - Marvin Dunbar, the Hester Group reported on the following:

- Brown's Dump is underway
- Forest Street Phase 3 to start after Valentine's Day
- Cleveland Street will begin in the spring
- Springfield is still getting access agreements

Members had questions and concerns on the following:

- At Klutho and Shell Park near 8<sup>th</sup> Street work had begun but has stopped. What happened?
- At Johnny Ford Elementary a few summers ago they had done remediation work what is going on now with the digging?
- Member Miller stated there was an elderly couple in Phase 1 that has not been confirmed yet. Can you please call her and let her know when it should begin?

Mr. Dunbar will check into this and get back to the entire CPAC. Project New Ground can be reached at 630-CITY (2489) or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green reported on the following:

- Matthews Bridge the suggestion on having the bridge detours listed on 511 there is no funding in place for this at this time. There will be westbound lane closures tonight to Friday. This weekend a full closure of the bridge to prepare for sandblasting.
- Starting this Friday for one week 3 railroad crossing will have detours for repairs at McCoy's Creek, Forest Street and Lewis and King Street. Be prepared for detours.
- The MLK interchange project has started and will continue to 2013 along with resurfacing.
- Main Street over the Trout River will have resurfacing in 2013.
- *I-10 and I-95 Interchange the Governor has said to go bold on major gateways with landscaping. There will be more than normally done.*

Members had questions and concerns on the following:

- The railroad crossing at 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Phoenix is very bumpy.
- Will there be landscaping on MLK at Myrtle and Fairfax? No.
- On the Northside of the Main Street/Trout River Bridge going to the zoo, it is very treacherous for a bike rider. It needs to be made safe.
- On Kings Road going south there needs to be a pedestrian light and a green turning light for right turns.
- At the 5-Point Intersection there is a need for a signal.

*Mr. Green will pass on the concerns on. He* can be reached at 360-5684 or <u>Green.James@dot.state.fl.us</u>

Planning and Development - Emery Nauden reported on the following:

- Ordinance 2012-82 Episcopal Children's Services in the Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A. neighborhood there is a rezoning for a PUD for a daycare. It will go before the Planning Commission on March 15, 2012 and LUZ on March 30, 2012.
   Member Miller representative from Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A. did not receive an official notification.
- Planner Nauden introduced the new Director of Planning Calvin Burney.

Members had questions on the Celeb's Bar request for a full liquor license. It was approved and found consistent with the A.P. Randolph Neighborhood Action Plan. Emery Nauden can be reached at 255-7825 or <u>enauden@coj.net</u> Chair Parrish thanked Director Burney for coming to the meeting.

Municipal Code Compliance - Zone 1 Supervisor Nelson Beard reported on the following:

• The number of Urban Core issues month-to-date are: 1828

0	29th & Chase	131
0	Brooklyn	19
0	Downtown	18
0	East Jacksonville	189
0	Fairfield	58
0	Hogan's Creek	44
0	LaVilla	5
0	Longbranch	115
0	Midwest Side	441
0	Moncrief	245
0	Phoenix	137
0	Springfield	415
0	Tallyrand	5
0	Phoenix Ave Project	121

Members had questions and concerns on the following:

- There is a chronic problem with not emptying the city garbage cans. The problem lies with the issue that the city garbage cans do not have liners.
- The apartments on Fairfax need to be checked out by Code again.
- There is a new convenience store on 8<sup>th</sup> and Davis with a fence that is dilapidated. It also has a litter problem.

Supervisor Beard can be reached at 255-7041. Municipal Code can be reached at 255-7000.

Recreation and Parks - Pam Roman excused. She can be reached at 255-7902 or pwilson@coj.net

Chair Parrish would like to become more involved and announced that the new Parks Subcommittee will meet monthly at 5:00 p.m. immediately prior to the regular CPAC meeting. She would like to see the parks provide better recreational activities for the entire Urban Core.

**Duval County Public Schools** – Chair Parrish read the following information from Community and Family Engagement Coordinator Jonathan Bishop:

- The State's Florida Assessment for Instruction in Reading (F.A.I.R.) meeting is important to parents and caregivers of children who are in Kindergarten, First and Second grade.
  F.A.I.R. is used to identify students' instructional needs in reading in order to read at or above grade level. The April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in the boundaries of the Urban Core at the Main Library Branch Downtown from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Continuing with Reading, the Read It Forward Jax initiative is ongoing. They are looking for individuals interested in volunteering as well as individuals and businesses interested in sponsoring classroom libraries or a TV Textbook<sup>©</sup>. There are several ways to participate. For more information, visit <u>www.readitforwardjax.org</u> or call (904)390-2511.
- DCPS volunteer application is on-line at <u>http://www.duvalschools.org/static/offcampus/volunteer/index.asp</u>. It can be completed in minutes with results determined in approximately three days.

#### Jonathan Bishop can be reached at 390-2511 or bishopj1@duvalschools.org

<u>Neighborhoods</u> - Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following: <u>Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events/Downtown</u>

- Registration is closed for Mayor Brown's Business Builder Summit Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. This program is designed to help small businesses gain a deeper understanding of what it takes to succeed and to help them learn about gaining access to capital and credit. This is the first in a series of seminars.
- The Mayor's Economic Development Compliance Task Force will meet Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room 2C on the Second Floor of City Hall. Topics that will be covered include an overview of Sunshine Law compliance, the history and current state of JEDC structure and budgets and the Council Auditor's Office overview of JEDC audit. All interested parties are invited to attend. Please contact Allison Luker at (904) 630-7177 or <u>aluker@coj.net</u> for questions or additional information.
- <u>Neighborhoods Department Housing and Community Development Division</u> Mayor Brown has appointed Elaine D. Spencer to serve as the chief of Housing and Community Development. She has more than three decades of experience with U.S. Housing and Urban Development including service as the Jacksonville field office director.
- Free Training Meeting Management Ethics, Government in the Sunshine and Robert's Rules of Order, Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building Training Room 110, 214 N. Hogan St. Please call Marilyn Fenton-Harmer at 255-8236 to register.
- City Council Ad Hoc Committee on Hemming Plaza February 15, 2012 at 10 a.m. at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St. in the Don Davis Room.
- Ritz Museum presents Family & Friends High School Reunion Nights Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 6p.m. at the Ritz, 829 North Davis Street, 32202. Each month, alumni of Jacksonville's historically Black schools are invited to meet at the Ritz Theatre and Museum to see the new exhibit "More Than A Game: African American Sports in Jacksonville, 1900-1975", share memories of their school days and participate in conversations about current issues in our schools. Re-connect with classmates, teachers and coaches. Add your stories and memorabilia to the exhibit!
- **JSO** has a collection box that allows citizens to anonymously drop off unused and out-of-date medications for proper disposal. It is located on the Forsyth St. public entrance at the Police Memorial Bldg. 501 W. Bay St.
- A Day of Gardening Saturday, February 25, 2012 at the Duval Extension Office, 1010 N. McDuff Ave. from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost \$10 pre-registration \$15 after 2/21/12. Contact 255-7450 or e-mail <u>beckyd@coj.net</u>
- Deadline to File for Homestead Exemption is Thursday, March 1, 2012
- The annual Mayor's Walk for Senior Wellness Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 10a.m. at Metropolitan Park, 1410 Gator Bowl Blvd. The approximately 1.5 walk takes place in the heart of downtown, beginning at Metropolitan Park. The route continues around EverBank Field and the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville, ending at Metropolitan Park. Each senior who participates in the walk will receive a free t-shirt, a nutritious lunch and the chance to win a variety of door prizes. Volunteers are needed to help set up, assist and serve participants. Call (904) 630-7392 to volunteer. Registration forms are available through the City, Office of Special Events, 117 W. Duval Street, Suite 280, online at www.makeascenedowntown.com or on-site on the day of the event. The deadline for registrations is Friday, Feb. 24. This event is produced by the City of Jacksonville and is part of the Make A Scene Downtown! For more information, call 630-3690 or visit www.makeascenedowntown.com.

**Duval County Public Schools** (DCPS) - The State's Florida Assessment for Instruction in Reading (F.A.I.R.) will have a K -2 Parent Meeting. F.A.I.R. is used to identify students' instructional needs in reading in order to read at or above grade level. The meetings will be at 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the following dates:

- o February 27, 2012 South East Regional Library Branch
- o March 26, 2012 West Regional Library Branch
- o April 30, 2012 Main Library Branch Downtown
- The Read It Forward Jax Initiative is looking for individuals interested in volunteering as well as individuals and businesses interested in sponsoring classroom libraries or a TV Textbook<sup>®</sup>. There are several ways to participate. For more information, visit <u>www.readitforwardjax.org</u> or contact Jonathan Bishop, Coordinator, Community and Family Engagement at 390-2511 or <u>bishopj1@duvalschools.org</u>
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- FREE Tax Help The Jacksonville Public Library is proud to partner with the <u>Real\$ense Prosperity Campaign</u> and the <u>American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) TaxAide</u> during the tax season each year to provide free tax preparation assistance at several library branches and <u>other sites</u> throughout the city.
- AARP TaxAide Sites (Income Limit: None) AARP TaxAide sites are serviced by IRS-certified volunteers that provide free tax counseling and preparation services to millions of low- and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those ages 60 and older. There is no income or age limit for assistance at AARP TaxAide sites. However, AARP sites cannot assist rental property owners or small business owners.
- Free Online Tax Preparation (Income limit: \$57,000 and lower) To prepare tax returns online for free, visit
  <u>www.myfreetaxes.com/realsense</u>. This self-preparation tool is for individuals or families whose total household
  income does not exceed \$57,000. Additional Free Tax Preparation Sites. Individuals and families whose total
  household income does not exceed \$49,000 may be entitled to Medicare Prescription assistance and/or
  FAFSA benefits. Free tax preparation and benefit screening is available at select locations. Jacksonville Main
  Library, 303 N. Laura St. Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from February 4 to April 14, 2012 in room 440. Free
  street parking on Saturdays. All Taxpayers must bring the following to a tax site:
  - o Photo ID for self (and spouse, if filing jointly)
  - Social Security Card(s) or Individual Taxpayer Identification for ALL individuals to be listed on the tax return as dependents.
  - Wage and earnings statement(s): W-2(s), W-2G(s), 1099-R(s), from all employers (Year-end pay stubs are not accepted)
  - o Any other documents relating to income, expenses and banking
  - Bank documents showing routing and account numbers if using Direct Deposit (preferably a check)
  - o Property tax and mortgage interest documentation
  - For itemized returns: documentation for out-of-pocket expenses for medical bills, supplemental insurance premiums, charitable contributions, etc.
  - Child care documentation; listing provider name, address, tax ID number and amount paid; Alimony and child support documentation.

Please NOTE: If filing a joint return, both spouses must be present in order to file and sign required forms.

- Friends of the Jacksonville Public Library will hold a Warehouse Sale at the University Park Library, 3435
  - University Blvd. For more information contact 630-2304 or <u>www.fjpl.org</u> The dates will be:
    - Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
    - Sunday, March 4, 2012 from noon to 5 p.m. \$10 for a bag of books
    - Saturday, March 10 from 9 a.m. to noon \$10 for a bag of books
- Farmer's Market at RAM (FRAM) will be open January 7th Feb. 25, 2012. The Riverside Arts Market will reopen March 3, 2012, located under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville. <u>http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/</u>
- The Jacksonville Landing Market Fridays at The Landing from 10 a.m. 2 p.m. Info: 353-1188
- <u>Project New Ground</u> is eager to answer your questions. Contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

<u>Phone Numbers -</u> City Link 630-CITY (630-2489) Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number to follow up.

- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117
  W. Duval St. 32202. For information contact 630-1377. <u>www.coj.net</u>
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000 or Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.org
- Jacksonville Public Library 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville, FL 32202 630-2665 or www.jaxpubliclibrary.org
- JSO Police Non-Emergency 630-0500 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
- Duval Extension Office 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. <u>www.coj.net</u> (Search word Extension Office)
- JOBS WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. 5 p.m. or 924-1710 or <u>www.employflorida.com</u>

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

#### New Business - none

#### **Chair's Report**

• Chair Parrish stated that the speaker for next month's meeting would be the new Riverkeeper Lisa Rinaman.

#### Subcommittee Reports

- Environmental Chair Vanderlaan no report but stated there would be an EPA Workshop on Community Gardens and Health Expo on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012 at 10 a.m. at the New Life in Christ Christian Church, 6225 Norwood Ave. 32208. For more information contact Wynetta Wright at 354-5052 or Wendy Khan at 255-7848.
- Urban Agriculture/Community Gardens Sustainable Springfield Amanda Searle stated that they had partnered with RAP in October to host a forum that was well attended to educate residents on Community Gardens

Announcements - none

### Public Comments - none

### <u>Adjournment</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **March 5, 2012** at 5:30 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

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