

District #1 – Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

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MEETING SUMMARY

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

DATE: Monday, March 5, 2012

Attendance:

Members

Christina Parrish, Chair

Catherine Morton, 12th Street Loyalty

Bobby Lee, Fresh Ministries

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

*Dorothy Merrick, Plaza Condominiums – (downtown) - new membership approved

*Dimitri Demopoulos – (downtown) new membership approved

Gerre Walker, Vice Chair

Michelle Hughes, Fresh Ministries

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

Louvenia Tippins, Charter/ Rep. Dist. 8

Excused: Ruth Arnold, Yvonne Lane, Ashley Strickland and Doug Vanderlaan

Elected Officials: Mayor's Representative: Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636 cshehe@coj.net

City Councilman assistant, Donna Barrow 630-7144 DLBarrow@coj.net

Staff: FDOT: James Green

HCDD: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer

Municipal Code: Nelson Beard

Planning: Emery Nauden

ASD: Evelyn Snyder

DCPS: Jonathan Bishop

Wally Butler, JSO/Police

Guests: Stephen Dare, Metro Jacksonville
John Nooney
Joe MacKenzie, PSOS
Madeline Skinner, Hester Group
Debbie Thompson, Preservation

Debra Tinsley
John Mooney
Michelle Tappuni
Roslyn Mixon Phillips, The Hester Group
Lisa Rinaman, St. Johns Riverkeeper

• **Call to Order/Verify Quorum**

Chair Parrish called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street and welcomed everyone.

Chair Parrish stated the new process of recording minutes will begin tonight (Monday, 3/5/12) and she asked members to please state their name and the group they represent.

• **Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary**

Member Noonan made a motion to accept February 6, 2012 minutes. A second was made by Member Merrick. The vote: All in favor; none opposed.

• **Staff Reports**

- **JSO** (Jacksonville Sheriff's Office) – Officer Butler

Officer Wally Butler, Lt. Smith unable to make it to the meeting. Officer Butler did not have a formal report; however, he stated that there are unsolved burglaries north of 20th Street. Drinking and panhandlers in Hemming Plaza Park is at a minimum.

- **Mayor's Liaison:** Carolyn Shehee-Williams – No report
- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) - Jonathan Bishop**
 - There will be a workshop for parents on the Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR) at the Main Library on April 20th, time frame 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
 - Member Radlinski discussed financial aid and how to fill out the federal form. Mayor Brown's effort is to provide information to the parent and student in addition to information provided by the Duval County Public Schools (DCPS).
 - Chair Parrish stated that post high school graduates can also take advantage of the federal financial aid forms and assistance.
 - Member Miller asked Mr. Bishop if an association can have a meeting at a school. If interested please contact Mr. Bishop at 390-2960 to schedule a meeting.
 - What services do you provide?
 - Community engagement
 - Volunteer management
 - Screening
 - Business partners
 - Faith Based – identify
 - Faith Based – with schools
 - Mentors – via Jacksonville Children's Commission for training and screening
 - Always looking for volunteers; more information can be found on the DCPS web-site: www.dualschools.org
- **Project New Ground – Hester Group: Madeline Skinner, Marvin Dunbar and Vice President, Roslyn Phillips.** Ms. Skinner briefly spoke of the below issues:
 - Phase I: John E. Ford construction expansion for utilities under group
 - Phase II: scheduled to begin in April/May; no construction at this time
 - 5th and Cleveland and OU2 out for bid in February, selection process scheduled for March 14th
 - Tentative OU2 scheduled May or June; continue to sample and still need access agreements.

Members had questions and concerns on the following:

 - Member Miller stated that they are not receiving quarterly reports; it was originally a 36 acre site and it is now 39 acres. The committee hasn't received a report from the contractor, England, Thims & Miller, Inc. (ETM).
 - Speaker Skinner stated there wasn't an explanation of the original site. Map was displayed, 5th and Cleveland OU1 and OU2 – 36 acres, no status on Tag and walkers in original site. Part I of OU1 is complete. Speaker Skinner will get legal information from Office of General Counsel. Kristina Nelson has been asking for 39 acre site from 5th and Cleveland status of those properties in relationship to the tags.
- **FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) - James Green**
Mr. Green stated nothing new to report except projects underway at the 21st interchange.
Members had questions and concerns on the following:
 - Member Noonan asked if he had anything on the study of the Main Street Change. Main Street and Union Street resurfacing coming up in a few years. Cost savings would result from combining resurfacing project with return of two way traffic to Main Street.
 - Member Miller has information on the Kings and Myrtle intersection signal light that she will forward to Mr. Green.
- **Housing and Community Development Division – Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer**
Mrs. Fenton-Harmer stated to everyone there is a hand-out of the Urban Core CPAC reminders that include information on Mayor Brown's college student aid workshop and she reported the following:

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events/Downtown

Mayor Brown's College Student Aid Workshops - The City of Jacksonville and the [Indo-U.S. Chamber of Commerce of Northeast Florida](#) are partnering together to assist aspiring college students in completing their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at no cost to students or taxpayers. Trained volunteers will help students complete and file FAFSA applications, a necessary step in the college entrance process. There will be seven workshops at various locations listed below. **Register at:** <http://indo-usnefl.com/fafsa>

Downtown ~ Saturday, March 31- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Andrew Jackson High School, 3816 N. Main Street
Jacksonville, FL 32206

Southside ~ Saturday, April 14 - 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Mandarin High School, 4831 Greenland Road
Jacksonville, FL 32258

Westside ~ Saturday, May 12 - 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Nathan B. Forrest High School, 5530 Firestone Road
Jacksonville, FL 32244

Beaches ~ Saturday, May 19 - 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Fletcher High School, 700 Seagate Avenue
Neptune Beach, FL 32266

Northside ~ Saturday, April 14 -10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

William H. Raines School, 3663 Raines Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32209

Eastside ~ Saturday, April 28 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Kirby Smith Middle School, 2034 Hubbard Street
Jacksonville, FL 32206

Arlington ~ Saturday, May 12 - 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Arlington Country Day School, 5725 Fort Caroline R
Jacksonville, FL 32277

- **Mayor Alvin Brown welcomed Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus** to City Hall on Tuesday, February 28, 2012. Recently, the Navy released its fiscal year 2013 budget which allocated more ships and sailors to Naval Station Mayport.
- **U. S. Conference of Mayors** – On Friday February 24th and Saturday, February 25th Mayor **Alvin Brown** hosted at least 70 local leaders including mayors, port directors and trade specialists to develop a national agenda that expands exports, improves infrastructure and modernizes ports. Mayor Brown is the Chair of the U.S. Conference of Mayor's Metro Exports and Ports Task Force.
- **Mayor Brown's Fish-A-Thon In Our Park** for seniors 60-years and older on Friday, **March 23**, 2012 at 10 a.m. at Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park, 500 Wonderwood Drive, 32233. For reservations call 630-7392 by March 20th.
- City Council Ad Hoc Committee in **Hemming Plaza** – Wednesday, **March 7**, 2012 at 10 a.m. at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, Don Davis Room.
- **First Wednesday Art Walk, March 7, 2012 – rain or shine**
http://downtownjacksonville.org/Marketing/First_Wednesday_Artwalk.aspx
- **The Riverside Arts Market (RAM) reopened on March 3rd** with the Farmer's Market (FRAM) located under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville.
<http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/>
- **The Jacksonville Landing Market** – Fridays at The Landing from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Info: 353-1188
- **Project New Ground** is eager to answer your questions. Contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.
- **Jacksonville Jazz Festival** - Mark your calendar for this year's festival: May 24-27, 2012. Some of this year's confirmed performers include Sonny Rollins; Chick Corea, Stanley Clarke and Lenny White Trio; Patti Austin with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra; Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue; Poncho Sanchez and his Latin Band featuring Terence Blanchard; and Karrin Allyson

Phone Numbers

- 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.
- 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. www.coj.net (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 www.employflorida.com
- **FREE Tax Help** - The Jacksonville Public Library is proud to partner with the [RealSense Prosperity Campaign](#) and the [American Association of Retired Persons \(AARP\) TaxAide](#) during the tax season each year to provide **free tax preparation** assistance at several library branches and [other sites](#) 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 www.myfreetaxes.com/realsense. 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.
 - o All Taxpayers must bring the following to a tax site: Photo ID for self (and spouse, if filing jointly)
 - o Social Security Card(s) or Individual Taxpayer Identification for ALL individuals to be listed on the tax return as dependents.
 - o Wage and earnings statement(s): W-2(s), W-2G(s), 1099-R(s), from all employers (Year-end pay stubs are not accepted) any other documents relating to income, expenses and banking. Bank documents showing routing and account numbers if using Direct Deposit (preferably a check) Property tax and mortgage interest documentation
 - o For itemized returns: documentation for out-of-pocket expenses for medical bills, supplemental insurance premiums, charitable contributions, etc.
 - o 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.

Member Miller asked if the report requested on the February 6, 2012 minutes for FDOT had been received from the Mayor's Office. The report was to check on *Kings Road going south because there needs to be a pedestrian light and a green turning light for right turns.*

- **Mayor's Report:** *The members would like to have a report from Mayor Brown on the status of CPACs via his Liaison and if and when he was going to meet with the CPACs and CPAC Chairs. A request to the Mayor's Office has been made for a meeting with the CPAC chairs.*

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

- **Municipal Code Compliance Division** – Zone 1 Supervisor Nelson Beard reported on the following:
 - The number of Urban Core issues month-to-date are: 1706

o 29 th & Chase	114
o Brooklyn	19
o Downtown	18
o East Jacksonville	202
o Fairfield	55
o Hogan's Creek	72
o LaVilla	6
o Longbranch	83
o Mid-town	6
o Midwest Side	427
o Moncrief	202
o Phoenix	99
o Springfield	395
o Tallyrand	6
o Hogan's Creek systematic	68

Since last meeting on February 6, 2012, we ran a systematic inspection on Hogans Creek and opened 68 new issues. Members had concerns and questions on the following:

- Springfield Preservation and Revitalization (SPAR) addressed concerns with the City not emptying their garbage cans; the issue was forwarded to Ernest Dunning of Solid Waste.
- Request to look at a store on 8th and Davis Street along with a vacant lot – these 2 cases are open.
- Member Miller asked for address of the store located on 8th and Davis Street – Mr. Nelson didn't have address available.

- **Planning & Development – Emery Nauden**

Episcopal Children's Services submitted an application for rezoning to Planning Unit Development (PUD) for a private day care. Mr. Nauden understanding is that nothing new will be used. He has a written description of the location: 1078 W 18th Street – just rezoning facility.

Member Merrick had concerns and/or questions on the following:

- Someone is putting cement or pavers along the front of the Riverwalk on the Eastside Plaza II. The Planning Department or Parks and Recreation Department are aware of this activity. The activity is happening on the Riverwalk common area between shipyards and plaza.
- Member Merrick states that someone is digging and it isn't private. Supervisor Beard was told that a contractor has an extended project on the Riverwalk property.

- **Parks and Recreation Department – Pam Roman**

- Pam reported that Parks Maintenance will be transferred back to Parks and Recreation Department from Public Works Department under the reorganization.
- Kelley Boree is the Interim Director for Parks and Recreation Department pending approval by City Council.

Park updates:

- Pam stated that the bid for Confederate Park had not gone out, but it will be sent out on March 17th to the public for the bidding process and they have 30 business days to submit their bid.
- Pam stated that the Julius Pool and Park Improvement are going on and hopes to be done by Memorial Day weekend.
- The Success Park contract was signed and construction is scheduled to begin this week on the land donated by Edward Waters College (EWC).
- Update on Springfield Golf Disc Park – Park and Recreation Department sent out a letter of interest for youth programming and Pam believes the letter closes on March 15th. On March 15th Park and Recreation Department will know if sustainable Springfield will get the youth programming or not. The letter will close if only one response is received. If more than one response is received, it will be extended 30/45 days and it will be required to process a Request for Proposal (RFP).

Questions:

- On the Riverwalk there is a fountain that has been out of order for several months. Terry Theriault, Chief of Right of Way and Grounds Maintenance, previously helped Parks Maintenance to fix fountain. Pam will send an e-mail to Mr. Theriault and Mr. Calvin Burney, Director of Planning Department letting them know the fountain is in need of repairs.
- Parks member Radlinski asked how much is being spent on the Success Park; Pam reported it will cost \$175,000. Member asked what will go in there for \$175,000 and Pam didn't have a breakdown; but, she will get it.
- Member Radlinski asked if Pam knew the final recommendation from Council Member Denise Lee's Ad-hoc Committee in regards to Hamming Plaza. The recommendation should be released before the next meeting.
- Member Miller asked for the name of the construction company, Pam will send this information to Marilyn Fenton-Harmer. Marilyn will distribute to the committee.

- **Guest Speaker – Lisa Rinaman**

New St. John's Riverkeeper – Lisa Rinaman moved back to Jacksonville in 1997 and she married into a boating family. Jacksonville is her home. She is a great water fan and was appalled in 2005, 2009 and 2010 with the green algae blooms and when those algae blooms started getting into her enjoyment of the water she realized that it had a greater economic impact on our community. She worked with the City of Jacksonville and volunteered with St. Johns Riverkeeper to see what could be done as a City government to make a difference with the St. Johns River. It was successful; they were able to get irrigation ordinance and fertilizer ordinances and to get the community connected with this role. It was easy for her to transition from her services of the City of Jacksonville to an organization where she can focus all of her time on something so important and so many issues coming to a head with time sensitive issues:

- Jacksonville Community Council, Inc. (JCCI) quality of life indicators
- More creeks and tributaries
- We are going in the wrong direction
- Education and community outreach program to encourage people to go to the river
- If you have a couple of hours or two days, St. Johns Riverkeeper has trips available
- Challenges:
 - Last 20 years Georgia Pacific pipeline was ordered by a judge for the pipeline for the paper mill go into the St. Johns River due to Rice Creek could not meet water quality standards. Unfortunately the pipe line is under construction.
 - Rice creek under a judge order has until October, 2012 to use the pipe line.
 - St. Johns Riverkeeper is currently in an intense negotiation with Georgia Pacific and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
 - What goes into the pipe has to be as clean as possible – part of protecting river.
 - 2008 there was water wars; counties withdrew water from the St. Johns River. Four-hundred (400) people drove to Palatka and told the water management people they have questions that have not been answered. They listened and spent \$2.3 million to look at the St. Johns River and the water impact study.
 - Another concern of the Urban Core is to make sure that the Port dredging does no harm to the river.
 - The St. Johns Riverkeeper met with the Army Corp of Engineers for 3 hours earlier this week to make sure the river isn't harmed and to protect jobs associated with the river.
- Speaker Rinaman thanked the committee for inviting her to speak and stated she knows it means so much to the Urban Core.

Member questions and concerns with the following:

- Member Swain asked about Hogan's Creek contamination. Speaker Rinaman stated that unfortunately the contamination is to the point where it will take more than the Environmental restoration; it is actually going to be an environmental cleanup. The cleanup is going to be very expensive; you don't only have the contaminants in the creek, but what is under the creek and the soil on the side.
- It is going to be an Inter-Governmental multi thing to include state, local and federal resources to make it happen.
- Hogan's Creek and McCoy's Creek holds a lot of interest to a lot of people. It would make sense to downtown developers to restore both creeks.
- This is an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conversation for now, Lisa will get the information.
- Member Merrick asked if lay people were expected to get into the water and clean up. Ms. Rinaman stated lay people can clean up the bank of Hogan's Creek; if they wanted to clean up the waterborne on Beach Blvd., St. Johns Riverkeeper has a partnership with All Wet Sports on Beach Blvd. Kayaks are available for rent, cost is ten dollars (\$10.00). Would not endorse special equipment.
- Member Miller asked question Mr. Rinaman what is her position with McCoy's Creek and Hogan's Creek. Ms. Rinaman stated they are an advocacy group, volunteer driven organization with no jurisdiction. They are advocates to restoring it with no official authority; but, they have a strong voice and will advocate for both creeks. Ms. Rinaman will check if both creeks are Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) if so, she will get a point of contact.
- Member Dimitri – how to get involved and learn the story of St. Johns. Their web site: www.st.johnsriverkeeper.org. There is a virtual tour and a guide book – 310 miles. If you join the organization, there will be updates posted, such as the conversation that took place in Tallahassee today. St. Johns River offers challenges and fun for people of all ages.
- The Neighborhood Association will have a hearing on the dredging of Fishweir Creek on Tuesday night, March 6th in the Avondale area. This is an Army Corp project.
- Officer Butler asked if they advocate homeowners and businesses to save water; if so, what is the plan. Ms. Rinaman stated there is a plan to save water – Water Supply Plan by Water Management. Ms. Rinaman stated that we need to conserve water. JEA will not be able to supply enough water and more water will have to drown from

- the Aquifers. JEA also stated that desalination is very expensive.
 - Officer Butler, follow up – use this water twice efforts. Ms. Rinaman stated that this part of the state is using 50% of drinking water to water their lawns. The gray water that we flush down the drain can be used to water lawns.
 - JEA – southern part of county started gray reclaimed waters, but there are infrastructure problems. A good source to Google is earthships water system – a homeowner reuses water three times to water lawn
(<http://www.builtitsolar.com/Projects/SolarHomes/Earthship/Visit/WaterSystem.htm>).
 - Ms. Rinaman, some cities system set up fewer sources to retrofit gray water. Naval Air Station (NAS) of Jacksonville, FL is a success story.
 - If you have any sources, let Ms. Rianman know so she can link these to the members.
 - Mr. Dare – Tag issues in Springfield, he spoke with an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) personnel – Seattle has a bioremediation. Question: have you looked at the bioremediation for people who live along the banks of the off feeders? Ms. Rinaman responded that we are not at that level yet. This seems to be a viable option. She asked Mr. Dare to give her the name of the EPA personnel he spoke with (after the meeting).
 - Dean Cainman said that he spoke with DIY Salination, employee of the Coke Foundation, to learn how they reuse storm water. Ms. Rinaman asked him to e-mail the name of the EPA personnel he spoke with.
- John Nooney: welcome Lisa, he wrote a letter of support for Plaza most definite to provide access to river.
- **Chair's Report** – No report
- **Elected Officials Reports** – Donna Barrow
Donna Barrow, assistant to Council Member Robin Lumb at Large Group 5.
Three things to report
 - Dog Park – Lynwood Roberts Room, St. James Building, 1st FL, Thursday, March 8th at 5:30; talk about it and how the Capital Improvement Plan works
 - E-mails on property located in Springfield on Pearl Street set to be demolished, it has been in the system for 14 years. Council Member Lumb wants to develop a process to keep these houses from being demolished. Some point in the next three (3) weeks we will have a meeting with Code Compliance, Office of General Counsel and the Auditor's Office to talk about what we can do. She will be sending Marilyn Fenton-Harmer that information so that she can get it out.
 - Council Member really likes to talk about the Boards and Commissions available now. Applications to apply will be left on the table along with the Ethics that apply to the Boards. If you need anything give them a call.
 - Historic houses are very important to him.
 - Chair Parrish stated that we have a Preservation Subcommittee that will reach out to help Ms. Barrow to coordinate a meeting.
- **Subcommittee/Liaison Reports**
 - LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs / not active standard committee – really should appoint someone to chair this committee. If interested please let Marilyn Fenton-Harmer know.
 - Beautification/Parks/Environment / Greg Radlinski - no report. He has asked Parks for a list of plans to review; Marilyn responded to let Mr. Radlinski know the plans have been received. The Hot Topic is the Hemming Plaza, Mr. Radlinski has been attending the meetings held by Ad-Hoc, Chaired by Council Member Denise Lee. Report recommending to remove benches and tables from the park and the language may be changing; once known he will bring it to CPAC to discuss and vote on it.
 - Chair Parrish – we should have some results to discuss in our next meeting in April. Marilyn Fenton-Harmer can send out report to CPAC committee before next meeting.
 - Membership: Chair Parrish -good progress; two (2) new members
 - Transportation: Ms. Miller – there is no committee to attend the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). She has been reappointed and has been requesting a replacement for a year. She would like to recommend thorough the

Chair that Marilyn Fenton-Harmer contact Marci Larson, she is the Public Relations for TPO. There are several field trips scheduled for this year. Suggestion through the Chair if Marilyn's assistant could speak with Ms. Larson to include all six (6) CPAC Chairs to be invited. Six (6) tours being planned Chairs to include it.

Ad-Hoc Committees:

Preservation Sub Committee – Member Duval

- Mothballing – five (5) Certification of Appropriateness applications. One inspected and passed Save Our Springfield (SOS) using mothballing to stabilize condemned structures.
- Pearl Street house, structurally better than some and yet none had called it home for 14 years. It's important and could potentially be turned around and zoned Commercial Residential Office (CRO). The house is located on 7th and Pearl Street. It is a large house 2300 square feet; it has a lot of potential.
- Back in 2010 it was put on a formal track for demolition. There wasn't a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) issued. Now there has been a COA requested so that a contractor can demolish the house.
- Member Duval stated that she would like to see if the Urban Core CPAC could do something to have Mayor Brown take a look at this to save it.
- Chair Parrish asked what could stop the demolition. Member Duval: Historic Commissioners need to rescind it and ask them take off formal track. If it needs to come down later, there will be a straight and concrete path.
- Chair Parrish asked Lisa Sheppard of Planning to explain the demolition process. Lisa Sheppard of Planning: Process developed by Jacksonville Historic Preservation Committee (JHPC) and Code Compliance
- Lisa has brought Calvin Burney, Planning Director, up to speed. Chair Parrish –After all these years, what happened for Municipal Code Compliance to sign a contract to demolish this house? What would be the event to trigger this?
- Sheppard - why this one came up on the list instead of others, I could not speak to that. HPC discussed in October what was free to go forward and the number of properties.
- Chair Parrish asked: Is that list available?
- Lisa Sheppard responded that she will get the list to Chair.
- Chair to Radlinski: He asked Lisa what is the status of the property close to demolition? Are the owners paying taxes and making repairs on their property?
- Lisa Sheppard responded by stating that she isn't aware if they are paying taxes or making repairs. Lisa has not gone through the list and made that kind of analysis.
- Member Radlinski asked how many on list – is it too difficult to find out if they are in tax default? Maybe the City could acquire the property and put in mothballing.
- Lisa Sheppard discussed a possible receivership program and need for people to say this is something we want to do
- Chair Parrish stated that perhaps this is something that will come out of Council Member Lumb's meeting. Restoration Contractor Joe Marcusic spoke about the problem of rolling fines and the problems they have created in Springfield, which has lost a substantial percentage of its historic homes.
- Member Radlinski asked Mr. Marcusic if he thought having amnesty on these rolling fines would help.
- Mr. Marcusic said this would truly help. If you buy the property, this fine attaches to all your owned property. If this were a local ordinance, maybe we could recommend the city to consider amnesty on fines on demolition.
- Chair Parrish stated that this is something that has been discussed with Council Member Lumb.
- Ms. Thompson wanted to comment on the formal track that Lisa Sheppard mentioned earlier. During testimony before Historical Preservation Committee (HPC) Municipal Code Compliance Department (MCCD) is asking to have these houses put on the formal track. When residents try to find out what houses are on the list they are told there is no such thing as a formal track and no list is available. Chair Parrish stated that it sounds like CPAC should enlist the assistance of the Mayor's office.
- Chair Parrish asked if anyone wanted to make a motion:

Member Duval made the motion to ask Mayor's Office to intervene on house located on 1647 Pearl Street, to save the house; demolition has been approved and doesn't meet requirements and maybe further ask Mayor's Office to review the formal track.

Chair Parrish asked if anyone wanted to 2nd the motion – Member Hamilton 2nd the motion
Discussion/Questions: Member Hamilton asked when house could be demolished.

Chair Parrish: responded that it could be tomorrow.

Member Radlinski said that ordinarily he would vote against saving this house. We need to do our research to save this house is a bit premature. But, being this house may be worthy of saving; this house ready to be knocked down, time is of the essence, I will support it.

- Member Miller supports Member Radlinski, problem long before CPAC'S organized. Going to City Council and organizations to find out the process. Homes should have been saved and others should have been demolished to determine which ones saved. Four (4) recent homes for condemnation last two (2) weeks – thought they were removed. Discussed to be saved through process – confusing now as it has ever been. Mothballing has not been cleared.
- Chair Parrish agreed with Council Member Lumb's proposed meeting – bigger issue; all have same problems; address this and work with Council Member Lumb.
- Chair Parrish: unanimous vote; Marilyn please e-mail to Chair Parrish so that she can write a letter tonight or first thing tomorrow.
- Member Duval: Subcommittee will be more active – houses in Durkeeville are beautiful.
- Member Miller – Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) process complicated issues further and at one point we were lead to believe houses could not be condemned or demolished because the EPA had to be included in that decision. They put a moratorium on demolishing. No clear cut process, no balancing home to demolish.

- **Urban Agriculture** – Member Amanda spoke: First meeting scheduled March 13th in the Ed Ball Building at 4:00 p.m., Room 853 – anyone can attend
- **TRUE** (Taxation, Revenue, and Utilization of Expenditures) Member Radlinski – Dog park, Ed Austin not Urban Core

- **Unfinished Business** none

- **New Business** none

- **Public Comments/Announcements (3-minute time limit)** John Noonan stated that this was his 2nd UC CPAC meeting – consider listening to Lisa Rinaman – shipyards sponsor letter of support to keep pier separate for Urban Core.
 - Member Radlinski is inspirational and some of the participants at that time were Jim Bailey, John Lowe, Lynette Self and Jim Suber. The issue in equity in downtown as related to river and exists right now. Waterways Commission should draft legislation so that everyone would have the opportunity to participate in our waterways downtown. Right now that doesn't exist.
 - Chair Parrish replies to speaker that the waterways is an important issue and it may be discussed in the Parks Committee in April to move forward and bring this information back to CPAC at some point in the future.
 - Speaker response to Chair Parrish is that time is of essence.
 - Lisa Sheppard advised that there will be a "Restore Jacksonville" event in May. This is a preservation and sustainability conference with contractor training. Saturday geared to homeowner, find out how to make more efficient - older buildings in general to make them better on May 5th in Main Library Conference Center.
- **Motion to Adjourn:** Chair Parrish asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Radlinski made the motion and Member Merrick 2nd the motion at 7:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Date ~ Time: Monday, April 2, 2012 at 5:30
LOCATION: The Ed Ball Building ~ Training Room 110 – lobby level,
214 N. Hogan Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202



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March 6, 2012

Mayor Alvin Brown
City of Jacksonville
117 West Duval Street, Suite 400
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear Mayor Brown:

Last night the Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee unanimously voted to request your help with the problem of demolitions of historic buildings in Jacksonville's urban core. The problem is significant: we learned that in Springfield – a nationally recognized historic district – more than 400 contributing structures have been demolished. This represents over 20% of the historic housing stock of that neighborhood. Representatives from Durkeeville and Eastside advised that they, too, had experienced demolitions of architecturally significant buildings in their neighborhoods.

This is a matter of great urgency, as the City of Jacksonville's Municipal Code Compliance Division has already entered into agreements with demolition contractors to destroy historic buildings that are – according to a general contractor who testified at last night's meeting – structurally sound. Several citizens attending last night's meeting expressed their concern and disbelief: how can the City of Jacksonville be in the business of destroying homes in a National Historic District?

Committee member Gloria DeVall made a motion in connection with one property that is in imminent danger of destruction. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved:

We respectfully ask that Mayor Brown and his office intervene to prevent the demolition of 1647 Pearl Street, a contributing structure in the Springfield Historic District. This residence has been approved for demolition as an "unsafe structure" although it does not meet the requirements of the City of Jacksonville's Municipal Code ordinances regulating demolitions of contributing structures in historic districts. We further request that the Mayor and his office review the Municipal Code Compliance Division's "formal track" process for demolition of historic structures.

Preserving Jacksonville's architectural heritage is an important part of revitalizing downtown and its surrounding neighborhoods. Please support our efforts in that regard. These unnecessary demolitions must be stopped, immediately. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Christina E. Parrish, Chair

cc: Chief Administrative Officer Kevin Hyde
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Karen Bowling
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