

# District #1 - Urban Core

## Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

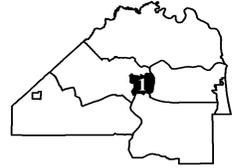
Meeting Location: Ed Ball Building – Training Room 110 – 214 N. Hogan St.

**Chair:** Doug Vanderlaan 923-5179 [dougcpac@comcast.net](mailto:dougcpac@comcast.net)

**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, June 6, 2011

### Members

Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chair

Ricky Anderson, Eastside Neighborhood

Greg Radlinski, The Parks at the Cathedral

Gloria DeVall, Preservation SOS

Victoria Hamilton, St. John's Church

\*Susan Noonan, Springfield Women's Club

\*Application pending

Janice Love, Eastside Neighborhood

Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard

Betty Chance, Planet Watch

Christina Parrish, SAMBA

Amanda Searle, Sustainable Springfield

**Excused** – Chair Vanderlaan, Erica Trent, Derrick Johnson, Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Terri Cicero

### Guests

Representative Reggie Fullwood, District 15

Evie Welch, Cathedral Terrace

Steve Rankin, JCCI

Emily Leffler

Earl Jones, Assistant District 15

Shereline Redden, Stand Your Ground

Brenda Boydston, SPAR

Sam Holiman, Project New Ground

### Staff/Resource

JSO Zone 1 Sgt. Yul

Jim Green, FDOT

Shorty Robbins, DRCS

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND

Wanda Forrest, NE FL TPO

Emery Nauden, Planning

Nelson Beard, Municipal Code

### Call to Order

Vice Chair Tippins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street with a moment of silence and welcomed everyone. She explained that Chair Vanderlaan's Mom passed away and asked everyone to please sign the sympathy card.

### Approval of the Minutes

*Member DeVall made a Motion to correct the minutes stating she was at the last meeting but did not sign in. A second was made by Member Swain. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. The minutes were approved as corrected.*

### Staff Reports

**Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Zone 1 - Sgt. Yul reported on the following:**

- Hurricane Season is upon us. Please be prepared by having food, water, batteries and your paperwork. You can always check the FEMA website for details.
- Jacksonville has been named one of the top four cities from the Transportation American Agency for the Nation on pedestrian accidents. Florida has three of the four cities. Remember to look before you cross the street and slow down at intersections if you are a driver.

For information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or [JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org)

## Guest Speakers

**EPA Environmental Showcase** - Steve Rankin from JCCI asked members to attend the Community Forum or Community Conversations hosted by the EPA this Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the Kennedy Center on the Eastside from 10 am to noon. This will be the first one. It will give the residents an opportunity to learn more about the environmental responsibilities that companies in the area have. The three 3 companies that will be in attendance are: Swisher, Renaissance formerly Lion Del and JaxPort. The Regulatory and Environmental Compliance Division, the State Compliance as well as the EPA will be there. It will be a free exchange of ideas with no hidden agendas. Citizens can express their concerns with environmental issues and learn more about it. As well as how to report complaints and what happens after the report. Members had the following question: how many companies have been reported on improper disposal and other enforcement issues? This needs to be asked to the EPA.

**Representative Reggie Fullwood, District 15** gave an update from the last Session in Tallahassee. He stated he respects the CPAC and works with them in the Urban Core, Northwest and parts of the North and Arlington area where District 15 is.

- Unemployment compensation –benefits were reduced from 26 weeks to 23 weeks.
- Government pensions – new hires now have to contribute 3 % of their salaries into their retirement accounts.
  - Police and Fire employees have to work 35 years up from 25 years and have to be 60-years old up from 55-years old.
  - There will be drug screening for state employees and for those on public assistance. This is a controversial issue.
- Merit Pay for teachers – the Republicans voted for it and the Democrats against it.
- Medicaid – places HMO and managed care process – Congresswomen Brown’s office is working on how this will be communicated to low income families and how it will be phased out. He will come back to a meeting once this is communicated. There will be a Pubic Meeting on this June 14 at 9 a.m. at the Arlington Expressway office.
- Elections – this was also controversial with reducing the number of days for early voting from 14 to 8. This is being challenged.
- The Committee will also decide when Florida will have the Presidential primary vote.

Members had questions on the following: What are the boundaries of District 15? The cut off is on N- 295 on Harts Rd, the Urban Core, the Northwest and some of old Arlington/Regency. They will be going through redistricting in the next 6 months. When the process is over the Supervisor of Elections will be sending out new cards. Members wanted more information on teacher merit pay. They did not think it was right. Some members wanted to see the children and parents to be more accountable and not put it all on the teachers with a one year contract. This will not motivate teachers. Rep. Fullwood voted against this. Can you please send out e-mail blasts like Representative Mia Jones? He is working on this and please give him some time since he was just elected in November. He is also working on a newsletter and hopes to have it ready for the next meeting. The Agenda had the wrong e-mail address. Florida Representative Reggie Fullwood can be reached at [reggie.fullwood@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:reggie.fullwood@myfloridahouse.gov) or 353-2180. He is located in the same office that Audrey Gibson was in on Union and Ocean Street: Suite 402, 101 East Union Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202-3065.

Member Amanda Searle, Sustainable Springfield, spoke on the City of Jacksonville needing a **“Food Policy in the Zoning Code.”** Most states have changed their zoning codes to include this. In Health Zone 1 which includes the Urban Core and Northwest Planning District, it has the worst numbers on diabetes in Jacksonville. By amending the zoning code it allows for more fresh food in the community with gardens. The Department of Health and the Obesity Council have written a letter of support as well as the River Keeper. She is asking the CPAC for a letter of support to have the Planning Department start the discussion. Members had questions on the following:

There are many community gardens all over Jacksonville on residential lots. The lots have not been amended with the correct land use to grow or sell produce. The Planning Department has been working with the public but this needs to be discussed. Members would like more

information and criteria on this for the next meeting to continue this discussion. The city is promoting community gardens and the EPA will be funding a garden at the Kennedy Community Center with a grant. Members had concerns with farm animals like chickens, roosters and goats. That is an urban farm. This is the initial phase of discussion. The entire process with permitting fees, zoning code changes and the criteria for a garden and urban farm is what needs to be talked about. Planner Nauden stated that the Neighborhood Action Plans say what type of usage is in each Planning District. A staff member is going to be assigned to this to see how this will be dealt with. This discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

The **North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)** - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2011/2012 through 2015/2016 was presented by Wanda Forrest, Transportation Planning Manager. The TPO is an independent organization representing 4 counties: Duval, Clay, Nassau and St. Johns. The Boards are made up of representatives from each of the counties. Member Miller is the UC CPAC representative on the CAC. Ms. Forest then presented the TIP for the Urban Core and highlighted the following projects:

- Page A 1 I-10/I-95 Interchange/landscaping 2011-2012
- A 1 Overland Bridge 2011-2012 starts-continue for 3 years
- A 1 Myrtle Ave Bridge Painting 2012-2013
- A 2 Main Street Bridge repair/rehab 2012-2013
- A 3 MLK 21st/Tallyrand interchange 2011-2012
- A 3 MLK 1<sup>st</sup> to Blvd. resurfacing 2012-2013
- A 3 Matthews Bridge painting 2011-2012
- A 4 Newnan/Hubbard  
Hogan Creek Bridge 2015 - 2016

Members had questions and concerns on the following: The Main Street Bridge and the impact on traffic and the safety of the bridge with the guard rails. When will the painting on the Matthews Bridge begin? They plan to start in the fall. Members wanted to know when FDOT would make changes to the historic Hogan's Creek Bridge that is planned for pedestrians only. Planner Green will check with project Manager Bill Henderson and let the members know. [Bill.Henderson@dot.state.us](mailto:Bill.Henderson@dot.state.us) Members also wanted to know more about the MLK changes. The state is responsible for all bridges. Ms. Forest stated that the CAC Board would be adopting this on Thursday, June 9, 2011. Members also wanted to know when the potholes on 8<sup>th</sup> Street would be addressed as well as the railroad tracks. Going over them could knock the cars alignment out. At the exit to Shands the road is good but further down the road needs to be repaired. That part of the road is the cities. Wanda Forrest can be reached at 306-7514 or [wforrest@northfloridatpo.com](mailto:wforrest@northfloridatpo.com) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) *Jim Green* can be reached at 360-5684 or [Green.James@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Green.James@dot.state.fl.us)

#### **Staff Reports:**

**Mayor's Representative** – excused. Caroline Shehee-Williams can be reached at 630-1994 or [CSHEHEE@coj.net](mailto:CSHEHEE@coj.net)

**Project New Ground** – Sam Holiman reported that 400 parcels have been completed. The 5<sup>th</sup> and Cleveland site is complete. They are still looking for access agreements to be signed. Project New Ground can be reached at 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 1605 N. Myrtle Ave. or 357-8077

**Planning and Development** – Emery Nauden reported on the following:

- 1658 Kings Rd – there is a sign waiver for Edward Waters College near the Student Union in the right-of-way. It may be a digital scrolling sign. The Planning Department has not made a decision on this yet.

Emery Nauden can be reached at 255-7825 or [enauden@coj.net](mailto:enauden@coj.net)

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

- The house at 1458 Florida Avenue has been demolished and they are clearing off the lot.
- They have just completed 2 systematic inspections in Fairfield and Moncrief.
- There are 1850 active cases in the Urban Core.

Members had questions and concerns on the following: If a home in a neighborhood has lots of toys like big wheels and grows to other things is this a business? Code will get the address and check it out. They also wanted to know if a Code officer could attend a community meeting. Please send the request in and they will check with their supervisor. They also wanted to know about rooming housing and if they were legal. They are hard to prove but will check on a specific address. The issue of selling chips and soft drinks on front porches came up. They have given a written citation for this. Supervisor Beard can be reached at 255-7000.

**Recreation and Community Services** – Shorty Robbins reported on the following:

- They are really busy with the summer camp registration in full swing. Seven camps are full and some do have space available. In order to register one must go on line at [www.jaxparks.com](http://www.jaxparks.com)
- Summer Night Lights begins on Friday, June 24, 2011. They will have the opening at the Johnnie Walker Park in Grand Park. A listing of events is in the current summer brochure and events. There will be 8 parks this year that will be open every Friday and Saturday night.
- Friendship Fountain will reopen on Saturday, June 18, 2011. It is done and looks nice especially lit up at night.
- The Legends Center is now open at 5130 Soutel Drive. Please check it out.

Members wanted to know how many parks had water. There are 17 parks that have water. Most were built in 1997 or 1998. There have been no new additions. They wanted to know how to get one in a park. Contact your Council Member. Shorty Robbins can be reached at 255-7915 or [shortyr@coj.net](mailto:shortyr@coj.net)

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

**Housing and Neighborhoods Department:**

- **Stay Home Program** - If someone you know is worried about losing their home, call 255-8200 or 630-2489 and ask to register for a free foreclosure prevention program. To learn more, please visit <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/Tools/default.htm>.
- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program**- redevelops abandoned and foreclosed properties and increases the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households. For information call 255-8200 or 398-HOME or website [www.nspjax.com](http://www.nspjax.com)
- The Northwest Jacksonville Economic Development Fund (**NWJEDF**) has public funds used to provide capital for project development. The prospective applicant must be a business located within the Northwest Jacksonville area or a business that is expanding its operations into this targeted area.

**Project New Ground** is eager to answer your questions. Contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

**Jacksonville Journey:** The next Journey meeting will be Thursday, **June 16** and **July 21**, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building, 8th floor, Conference Room 851. Contact: Michelle Innes at 630-1273

**Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events/Downtown**

- **Read It Forward Jax Launch** – Tuesday, **June 7**, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Matthew Gilbert Middle School, 1424 Franklin St. “Read It Forward Jax” is a reading initiative aimed at raising the literacy rate for students throughout Duval County. The project involved partnerships between the Duval County School Board, the City of Jacksonville and business and community leaders to help teach Jacksonville’s children the importance of reading. The launch will feature Mayor Peyton, Mayor-elect Brown, DCPS Superintendent Pratt-Dannals, school board members and Sheriff John Rutherford. The event will also demonstrate some of the advanced technology that will be used to help students learn at home.
- **JEDC** – Jacksonville Economic Development Commission meeting, Thursday, **June 9**, 2011 at 9 a.m. at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mayor’s Conference Room. For Information contact Michelle Stephens at 630-1979 or [msteph@coj.net](mailto:msteph@coj.net)
- The EPA will hold **Citizen/Industrial Environmental Forums** on the following dates:
  - Eastside - Saturday, **June 11**, 2011 – Kennedy Center, 1133 Ionia St. from 10 a.m. to noon
  - New Town – Thursday, **June 23**, 2011 – EWC – Milne Auditorium from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
  - Northwest – Tuesday, **June 28**, 2011 – Legends Center, 5070 Soutel Dr. from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- City Council **Redistricting Committee** - Wednesday, **June 15**, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., Lynwood Roberts Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. For information contact: Juliette Williams at 630-1404 or <http://www3.coj.net/City-Council/Council-Committees,-Boards---Commissions/Rules/Redistricting-Committee.aspx>
- **Friendship Fountain Park Grand Reopening** – Saturday, **June 18**, 2011 at 9 a.m. to 11a.m. with A Make a Wish Dedication Ceremony, photos by the fountain, children’s activities and entertainment.
- **Summer Night Lights** - Movie Night - Saturday, **June 25**, 2011 at 7 p.m. movie starts at dusk at Clanzel Brown Park - 4545 Moncrief Road. Enjoy a family-friendly movie outdoors on the lawn. For info visit [www.jaxsnl.com](http://www.jaxsnl.com).
- **Nonprofit Organizations Workshop: Proposal Writing Basics** - Wednesday, **June 22**, 2011 at the Main Library from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 630-2665
- The **Downtown Development Review** Board Meeting - Thursday, **June 30**, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Police & Fire Pension Fund Building, 1 West Adams Street, Suite 200 - Board Room. Contact: Michelle Stephens, 630-1979, [msteph@coj.net](mailto:msteph@coj.net)
- **July 1 2011 Mayor Alvin Brown and new City Council Members will take Office.**
- **Summer Night Lights** - Movie Night - Saturday, **July 02**, 2011 at 7 p.m. (movie starts at sunset) at Johnnie Walker Park - 2500 W. 20th St. Enjoy a family-friendly movie outdoors on the lawn. For info visit [www.JaxSNL.com](http://www.JaxSNL.com)
- **Fourth of July Celebration** – Monday, **July 4<sup>th</sup>** at 9:45 p.m. Downtown Jacksonville Riverfront for spectacular fireworks display First Wednesday **Art Walk July 6**, 2011 is a free, self-guided tour that combines astounding visual and live art, engaging events in the core of Downtown Jacksonville. Held each month from 5-9 p.m. -- **rain or shine**
- **Summer Night Lights** - Movie Night - Saturday, **July 09**, 2011 at 7 p.m. (movie starts at sunset) Emmett Reed Center- 1093 W. Sixth St. Enjoy a family-friendly movie outdoors on the lawn. For more information visit [www.JaxSNL.com](http://www.JaxSNL.com)
- JEDC - Jacksonville Economic Development Commission Meeting - Thursday, **July 14**, 2011 at 9 a.m. at City Hall, 117 W. Duval Street, 4th Floor Mayor’s Conference Rm. Contact: Michelle Stephens, 630-1979, [msteph@coj.net](mailto:msteph@coj.net)
- **Summer Night Lights** - Movie Night - Saturday, **July 16**, 2011 at 7 p.m. (movie starts at sunset) Beachwood Park - 11758 Marina Drive. Enjoy a family-friendly movie outdoors on the lawn. For info visit [www.JaxSNL.com](http://www.JaxSNL.com)
- **Empowerment/Enterprise Zone** Board Meeting - Wednesday, **July 20**, 2011 at 1:00 pm at Beaver Street Enterprise Center, 1225 W. Beaver Street. Contact: Karen Underwood 630-1906
- **Summer Night Lights** - Movie Night - Saturday, **July 23**, 2011 at 7 p.m. (movie starts at sunset) at Charles Clark Park - 8793 Sibbald Road, Enjoy a family-friendly movie outdoors on the lawn. For info visit [www.JaxSNL.com](http://www.JaxSNL.com)
- The **Downtown Development Review** Board Meeting - Thursday, **July 28**, 2011 2:00 p.m. at the Police & Fire Pension Fund Building, 1 West Adams Street, Suite 200 - Board Room. Contact: Michelle Stephens, 630-1979, [msteph@coj.net](mailto:msteph@coj.net)
- **Summer Night Lights** - Movie Night - Saturday, **July 30**, 2011 at 7 p.m. (movie starts at sunset) at Charles Clark Park - 8793 Sibbald Road, Enjoy a family-friendly movie outdoors on the lawn. For info visit [www.JaxSNL.com](http://www.JaxSNL.com)
- **Riverside Arts Market** – Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - 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
- **SAVE the DATE: “Back to School Sales Tax Holiday” August 12- 14, 2011** for an exemption on clothing and backpacks which cost \$75 or less. This does not include textbooks.

### **MAYOR-ELECT BROWN NAMES TRANSITION TEAM**

Mayor-elect Alvin Brown has tapped a diverse group of community leaders to help set a course for the city’s new administration. At an afternoon news conference at City Hall, Mayor-elect Brown announced that business executive and civic leader Peter Rummell, Pastor H.T. Rhim of St. Joseph Missionary Baptist Church, and community leader and philanthropist Delores Weaver will serve as the strategic chairs of his transition team. Mayor-elect Brown also announced that Sulzbacher Center President and CEO Audrey Moran and State Sen. Tony Hill, D-Jacksonville, will also serve in leadership roles as co-chairs of the overall team. As Mayor-elect Brown prepares to take office July 1, 2011, the strategic chairs and co-chairs will oversee the efforts of 18 fact-finding policy committees that will explore the opportunities and challenges facing the city. Mayor-elect Brown has appointed co-chairs for each of the policy committees, which will focus on areas as diverse as economic development, education and children, budget and downtown revitalization. The policy committees and co-chairs are attached. Next week, the Mayor-elect will announce additional members of each of the policy committees. More information about how citizens can get involved in the transition process is available [online at the city’s website](http://www3.coj.net). Citizens can also call the Transition Office at 630-7080 for more information

**Weather Warning and Code Red Emergency Notification** - The Duval County Emergency Operations Center has implemented a telephone warning system to provide notification in the event of emergencies or severe weather. To sign up go to: <https://cne.coderedweb.com/Default.aspx?groupid=EA7CUhsxLfCqympNrd82g%3d%3d>

### 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 call 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](http://www.duvalschools.org)
- Jacksonville Public Library - 303 N. Laura St \* Jacksonville, FL 32202 – 630-2665 or [www.jaxpubliclibrary.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.employflorida.com)

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### **Chair's Report**

Vice Chair Tippins read the following from Chair Vanderlaan's Report:

I'm sorry I can't be here tonight. My mother passed away last night after a long illness. I'd like to suggest that we express support for two measures that I think could be very positive for the Urban Core, assistance from the city for financing for the Lattimore's proposed shopping center (Eastside Emporium) with a grocery store on E 8th Street and Phoenix Ave. (2011-319) and the Mayor's initiative to provide additional downtown parking and to help EverBank bring additional jobs into downtown (2011-0368 and 2011-0369). I know that we have not had time to study these issues carefully, so if there is not a consensus, I would certainly understand if we wait. But otherwise I'd like to suggest that we pass a motion that we support these two initiatives. I will then communicate our support to City Council. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers, and see you all in August.

Members had questions on the Ordinances. The Eastside Emporium 2011-319 was deferred in Committees and the Members voted to defer this as well. They would like to know what stores are going into the plaza. *Member Parrish made a Motion to support Ordinance 2011-368 and 2011-369 on EverBank locating to the Urban Core with a proper second from Member Hamilton. Discussion: Members wanted to know if EverBank could go to the Riverside area? It is possible since part of Riverside is in the Urban Core. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. The Motion carries unanimously.*

**Subcommittee Reports** - none

### Announcements

- Sherline Redden from Stand Your Ground invited members to their next meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at the HQ Business Connect at 2804 St. Johns Bluff Rd. They want to help advance the Urban Core residents. Members asked what the meeting was about. It is working on programs for the community like financial literacy, voting, education and life skills that hinder the community from moving forward. Members also asked why the meeting was going to be on St. Johns Bluff instead of in the community. They have partnered with HQ Business Connect which is a professional setting and people usually have to travel somewhere. Their website is [www.standyourgroundinc.com](http://www.standyourgroundinc.com)

**Public Comments** – none

**Adjournment** - *The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.*

No Meeting in July

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **August 1, 2011**  
at 5:30 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

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