

**Urban Core ~ District 1**  
**Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**  
February 24, 2003  
Ben Durham Business Center~ 2933 North Myrtle Avenue

**MINUTES**

**Committee Members/Guests/Staff Present**  
Sign in sheets attached

**Call to Order**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. Chairman acknowledged visitors..

**Approval of Minutes**

The decision to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2003 meeting was unanimous.

**Speakers**

- **Gayle Alston, Program Manager (COJ – Community Services Division)** discussed and provided information regarding the Prostitution and Sex Trade Study conducted for the City of Jacksonville through the Joint Coalition for the Successful Re-entry of Ex-offenders. Introduced the Sex Trade Report produced by the JCCI and discussed recommendations made by sub-committees of the Joint Coalition to eliminate the “supply and demand” of prostitution in Jacksonville’s communities. Disseminated copies of the Sex Trade Report and other related materials. Answered questions and addressed concerns of the members and guests.
  
- **Henry Johnson (First Coast Black Business Investment Corp.)** – made an extensive report on the accomplishments of the BBIC and its development projects. Announced that the grand opening for the 24,000 square foot shopping facility located at Moncrief Road and MLK Parkway is expected to be July 15, 2003. Announced the groundbreaking of the Northwest CDC’s first home located on 27<sup>th</sup> and Stuart Streets. Mentioned the grand opening event of the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office Stop Station located on Myrtle Avenue that was held on January 18, 2003. Mentioned that a neighborhood action plan is being prepared by the City of Jacksonville Planning Department that will address issues related to rezoning of residential and commercial properties. The visioning was completed and conducted by APD. The boundaries of the action plan are MLK Parkway to the south, Canal Street to the west, 33<sup>rd</sup>/ Golfair Streets to the north, and I-95 to the east. Answered questions and addressed concerns of the members and guests.

**Reports**

**Building Code Enforcement**

*Frank Cunningham* - reported that the process for rewriting the sign ordinance for the City is suspended indefinitely. Asked that citizens help to keep signs off of the right-of-ways, especially campaign signs.

### **Mayor's Representative**

*Ed Hall* – Addressed concerns regarding street resurfacing, especially in the Durkeeville/Durkee Gardens community. Stated that the City is reluctant to resurface streets that may be destroyed by the Jacksonville Electric Authority during their efforts to re-pipe neighborhoods, etc.

### **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office**

*Asst. Chief Ed Johnson* – answered request by Celia Miller for statistics on crimes reported in writing. Stated that the report can be furnished upon request if the citizen makes a formal request and specifies the boundaries of interest.

### **Department of Transportation**

None at this time.

### **Planning and Development Department**

None at this time.

### **Neighborhood Services Division**

The next quarterly Block Captain Training will be held on February 25, 2002 at 4:00pm. The training will be held at City Hall – St. James and a tour of the City's Call Center now known as CityLink will be conducted.

Matching Grant applications are available and the deadline is June 30, 2003. Workshops are now being offered for those interested in applying for a grant.

The Intensive Care Neighborhoods 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2003 at the Clanzel Brown Community Center (11:00am – 1:00pm)

### **Jacksonville Fire & Rescue**

*Robert Garmon, District Chief* – commended the Urban Core on its accomplishments. Answered questions about "warming fires." Stated that "warming fires" are legal as long as they are contained and controlled. Suggested that citizens contact the Fire Prevention office to report serious hazard issues regarding smoke or fire.

### **Old Business**

None at this time

### **New Business**

- Betty Chance and Eula Canty of the Planet Watch Neighborhood Association (located between Martin Luther King Parkway to 18<sup>th</sup> Street to Boulevard to Davis Street) and expressed concern with lack of opportunity to be included in efforts for development and improvement of their neighborhood. Chairman requested Jeannie Fewell to attend the next meeting to hear from neighborhoods that require assistance and discuss other Community Master Plans, especially for 29<sup>th</sup> & Chase.

### **Additional Concerns/Issues**

- Citizens expressed concern in the 29<sup>th</sup> & Chase community regarding replacement and repair of sidewalks. Citizens have received letters stating that the fees associated with the

repairs and replacements are their responsibility and if unpaid, a lien will be attached to their properties.

- Citizens particularly in the Durkeeville/Durkee Gardens neighborhood are concerned about street resurfacing incomplete in some areas.
- A concern for “warming fires” and the hazards associated continue to exist..

### **Special Guests**

None at this time.

### **Announcements**

- The next annual Clean-up Jacksonville Day will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2003. All neighborhood associations and community groups are encouraged to plan clean-ups for that day and participate.
- Chairman asked members to submit their questions for the CPAC Mayoral Candidate Forum to be held on March 27, 2003 at Lavilla School.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

***The next meeting of the Urban Core CPAC will be held at 5:00 P.M., Monday, March 24, 2003 at the Cathedral Terrace Auditorium – 701 N. Ocean Street.***