

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

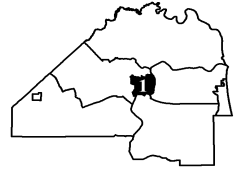
Meeting Location: Ed Ball Building – Training Room 110 – 214 N. Hogan St.

Chair: Gloria De Vall 449-4340 gloria.cpac@gmail.com

Vice Chair: Greg Radlinski 354-8080 giradlinski@bellsouth.net

Mayor's Liaison: Michelle Barth 630-2456 mbarth@coj.net

Neighborhood Coordinator: Stacey K. Burch 255-8236 sburch@coj.net



Meeting Summary Monday, October 6, 2014

Members

DeVall, Gloria – Preservation SOS
Harris, Darcel – Mother Midway AME
Holzendorf Jr., Mike – City Council District 7
Merrick, Dorothy – Plaza Condominiums
Vanderlaan, Doug – SPAR Council
Parrish, Christina - SAMBA
Demopoulos, Dimitri – Churchwell Lofts at East Bay condo Assn. Inc
Redden, Shereline- Stand Your Ground INC
Swain, Johnny - Grand Boulevard Crime Watch
Pryor, Kim – Preservation SOS
Redmon, Michael – Parks at the Cathedral HOA

Excused –

Radlinski, Greg – Parks at the Cathedral HOA
Hamilton, William C. - St. John's Lutheran Church
Arnold, Ruth – 02nd Mile Ministries

Guests

Good, Allison
Holzendorf, Honey
Lewis, Richard
Bennett, Patrick

Staff/Resource

Chauncey, Bruce – Code Compliance
Ransom, Lisa – Planning and Development Dept.
Taylor, Shawn – Park and Recreation
Jackson, Thelma – Social Services Division
Moore, Johnnetta - Social Services Division

Call to Order

Chair DeVall called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm; it was established that a quorum was present and everyone was welcomed.

Approval of the Minutes

It was determined that some of the CPAC members wanted an edit completed on the August CPAC Summary. The August meeting summary will be resent and submitted for approval at the next meeting. A motion to accept the September meeting summary was made by Dorothy Merrick and seconded by Christina Parrish. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.

Guest Speakers:

Lisa Rinaman, St. Johns Riverkeeper, provided a slide presentation and handouts on the possible dredging and concerns for the St. John's River. Mrs. Dorothy Merrick asked if Jaxport does not conduct the dredging then will the port lose jobs and not have an active port to compete with Savannah, GA? Ms. Rinaman stated "this is not true; Savannah is already way ahead of Jacksonville, we are in about eighth place and Savannah is close to first." Ms. Rinaman has not really seen a marketing plan that would put Jacksonville in a situation to

compete with Savannah. The original plan was for Jacksonville to be the best second tier port in the U.S.

Mrs. Merrick asked if there was a compromise to get more wetland put in place to conserve the wildlife in the river? The Riverkeeper had a team of Scientists put together a menu of mitigation options and Jaxport declined them all. The whole point of mitigation is to offset the damage and currently Jaxport is not offering that. One plan was to restore the tributaries that flow into the St. Johns River. Ms. Rinaman stated this needs to be done anyway. The other plan was the restoration of the Ocklawaha River. This is the largest tributary of the St. Johns River. This plan is very affordable. The Army Corp of Engineers stated they would buy 3 million dollars of conservation land and not mitigate. Then the engineers would spend money after the project is complete to monitor the area. Ms. Rinaman stated "Monitoring is great but there are no triggers to say we need to mitigate after the dredging."

Jaxport is saying the damage is going to be so small, the findings on the federal level does not justify spending more money to offset the damage. In Miami the monitoring systems were damaged and the engineers just kept working without it being monitored. This caused further damage.

Mr. Dimitri Demopoulos summed up the presentation by saying, "the sensitivity of the modeling that Jaxport is using to estimate the impact of Salinity increase shows no difference between 42, 45, 47 or 52 feet levels of dredging. Jaxport mitigation offer suggest that if over time there is justification to show that dredging actually caused salinity increase then Jaxport may consider taking action to resolve the problem." Ms. Rinaman agreed stating, "there is over 100 years of data to show what problems dredging causes. Jaxport will still say dredging was not the major cause in changes in the river." A concerned citizen asked regardless if we dredge at 47 feet we will still be behind Savannah? Ms. Rinaman stated that this will give Jaxport a chance to compete with Savannah.

The Mayor's taskforce will do the research and report back to the Mayor and the City of Jacksonville. The City of Jacksonville tax payers will have to pay a minimum of over \$180 million dollars along with money from the state and Federal levels. The riverkeepers position is the dredging can happen at 47 feet if the river is mitigated correctly. The mitigation has to be done proactively because history has shown that mitigation will not be done correctly reactively. Ms. Rinaman will provide a position statement to the CPAC to support her presentation. Urban Core is the first CPAC that Ms. Rinaman has spoken to and she will provide the timeline for the Mayor's taskforce and the information on the social economic side of dredging the river.

Elected Officials Reports – Not present

Staff Reports:

JSO Zone 1 LT Ricks – property crime is up 1%, it appears that aggravated battery crimes are driving the crime numbers up.

There were five auto burglaries in the area and all five vehicles were unlocked. Please lock your vehicles, the holiday season is coming up; make sure you secure your property.

Tomorrow night is National Night Out and JSO will be in the area. Mr. Doug Vanderlaan invited everyone out to Liberty Park to participate in National Night Out.

For assistance and information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org

Mayor's Liaison – Michelle Barth excused absent.

Regulatory and Compliance Department (Code Compliance) – Zone 1 Supervisor Bruce Chancy – Two new officers will join the team street starting October 7th. There will be a total of six new officers in the Regulatory and Compliance Department. Mr. Doug Vanderlann requested an update on a house that had \$561,000 in fines, Bruce and Doug agreed putting rolling fines on this house was not worth that much in fines. Mrs. Darcel Harris asked about complaints of overgrown grass in historic East Jacksonville is not being cut because of budget cuts? Mr. Chancy stated there is a separate Mowing and Landscaping Division now and he would pass that information on to them. He stated he did not know what their standards or timeline is for getting grass cut. However, he would get their phone number and pass on the information. Ms. Kim Pryor asked the status of the administrative fines and abatement policy? Mr. Chancy stated if the fines exceeded the value of the house then the house would be removed. Ms. Pryor wanted the policy for rolling fines. Mr. Chancy stated he would speak with Devron Cody once he returned from vacation; this was not Mr. Chancy area of expertise. Ms. Pryor requested a copy of the policy.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green, not present. Mr. Doug Vanderlann wants to know what are the plans for the four drums that have been labeled soil samples outside Confederate Park? Almost two months ago Mr. Jim Green told the CPAC that the drums would be removed from the park.

Mr. Green can be reached at 360-5684 or James.green@dot.state.fl.us

Planning and Development – Ms. Lisa Ransom informed the committee there was one pending zoning application for the Urban Core. This application was for a daycare off Golfair Boulevard that needed an Administrative Deviation that was approved. Nothing is pending for the month of October and November.

The LUZ subcommittee Chair can submit his questions to Mrs. Ransom and she will provide the information to the subcommittee in preparation for the CPAC meetings. Urban Core CPAC wants to be involved in the LANDMARK discussions throughout the city -- these landmarks are usually outside of the historic districts and have no other advocate to speak on them.

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) book is posted online the Monday before the meeting or it can be sent by email PDF. Normally the CPAC Chair physically gets the book on the Saturday morning before the Historic Preservation Commission meeting. The book is not considered public until the book is published. The Historic Preservation Commission meetings will be conducted on October 22nd, and November 12th and December 12th.

Ms. Shereline Redden asked if there were any plans to improve the Brooklyn area? Ms. Ransom recommended that Ms. Redden speak with her Council (Warren Jones) or Ted Carter (Office of Economic Development) to get updated information.

Mr. Terry Whisler asked if the Planning Department has a budget to conduct individual neighborhood operation studies? Ms. Ransom stated the Planning Department conducted twenty-three neighborhood studies that are online and does not have any remaining funds. The last studies were conducted in early 2010. Neighborhood studies cost about \$200,000. Mr. Whisler stated that Springfield did not have a study conducted, but Ms. Ransom recognized that the study is old, but Springfield did have a study completed. A number of improvements in Springfield have been completed due to the study.

Ms. Ransom can be reached at 255-7834 or lransom@coj.net

Housing and Community Development Division – Nothing to report

Community Planning – Stacey Burch, stated he was open to attending any of the different neighborhood meetings, just let him know when and where the meetings will be held.

Stacey Burch can be reached at 255-8236 or sburch@coj.net

Parks & Recreation – Mark Hartley (Shawn Taylor) - Art in the Park will be held November 8th on the Northbank side of the Riverwalk from 10 am to 2 pm.

The gazebo in Eugene Glover Park was removed to make room for more sporting and playground equipment in the park. The gazebo will be relocated to a more attractive spot in the park in a couple of months. Mr. Taylor will follow up with his supervisor and be prepared to give a better explanation at the next meet.

Trash cans have been ordered for the Raymond Davis Park and the City is waiting on a delivery date. Mr. Johnny Swain asked about the standing water and mulch that remains in the park. Mr. Taylor stated he would have an answer at the next meeting.

A concerned citizen stated the lights are out in the Kennedy Center Gym and the weight room is awful. Are there any plans to fix some of the issues at the Kennedy Center Gym? Mr. Taylor stated that the maintenance section is waiting on the new light bulbs to come in and the City of Jacksonville had to repair the weight room floor before new equipment can be installed. COJ is looking at new workout equipment and more space to workout.

Ms. Shereline Redden asked why J.S. Johnson Park is not an option when you call 630-City to reserve a park. This park should be a place that the City of Jacksonville partners with to bring the community together. Mr. Taylor stated that some of the pavilions are on a first come first serve basis. Therefore, you do not get to go online to reserve the pavilion. However, Mr. Taylor stated he would go back and research this situation to see if the City of Jacksonville can do a better job of working with the park.

Social Services Division – Mrs. Moore, Johnnetta - a part of Community Services. The following services are provided under the Social Services Division; Criminal Justice, Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Emergency Assistance Program (assistance with helping people pay their bills), Victim Services Program (assist victims of criminal acts), Ryan White Part A Program (for HIV and or AIDS patients), The Jacksonville Day Resource Center (Open Mondays, Wednesday and Friday during the day for the homeless). Mrs. Darcel Harris asked where can the seniors get there senior ID Cards from? A citizen replied "The Mary Singleton Center and its supporting centers".

Thelma Jackson can be reached at 630-6300. Social Services have two locations 403 West 10th Street and 1809 Art Museum Drive.

Mr. Hartley can be reached at 472-2865 or mhartley@coj.net

Project New Ground – Bill Holmon,

Project New Ground can be contacted at 630-CITY (2489) or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

Jacksonville Public Library – Not present

Public Works – Not present

Chair's Report

- Recognized Mike Holzendorf for the great job he is doing as the new LUZ Subcommittee Chair. Mike Holzendorf stated he planned to attend the North CPAC meeting to observe how they conduct their subcommittee and get more new ideas.
- If you have an issue that you feel the CPAC needs to address you can submit an email to Stacey Burch and he can direct that information in the correct direction.
- The CPAC Chair is looking at Mrs. Doris Swain as the new Chair for the Parks Subcommittee.

Subcommittee Reports

- **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs** – Mike Holzendorf – did not have a quorum. However, they did discuss the direction of the subcommittee and will receive more directions from the Chair.
- **Preservation** – Chair DeVall – This subcommittee is looking at working with the LUZ/Governmental Affairs subcommittee.
- **Membership** – No report
- **Downtown Investment Authority** – No report
- **Transportation** – No report
- **Environmental** – No report
- **Parks** – Greg Radlinski - No report
- **TRUE Commission** – Greg Radlinski – No report
- **Urban Agriculture/Community Gardens** – No report
- **Nominations** – Doug Vanderlaan – sent out an email through Stacey Burch wanting to know who would like to be considered for Chair and Vice-Chair. The only nominations were the current Chair and Vice-Chair. The Chair agreed that Mr. Vanderlann will conduct the voting process at the November meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Proposed Ordinance 2014 – 427 will be ruled upon at the Blight Committee meeting on October 7, 2014. The CPAC will forward the results to Stacey Burch.

New Business: Mr. Holzendorf provided details of his tour of Operation New Hope. The CPAC Chair recommends that as many members as possible attend the tour. Stacey Burch will set up the tour within the next couple of weeks.

Public Comments/Announcements: Patrick Bennett a member of North CPAC, announced that he was running for Duval County Soil and Water Conservation District, Group 1. Elections will be held November 4, 2014.

Christina Parrish announced November 8th will be Jacksonville Porch Fest in the Springfield area. Details are available at www.jacksonvilleporchfest.org.

Allison Good announced Sustainable Springfield will have a Farm to Table Dinner on October 10, 2014 from 7-10 pm. RSVP is required.

Adjournment

Member Dorothy Merrick made a motion to adjourn and Mike Holzendorf seconded the motion. All agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on
Monday, November 3, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.,
at the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street, 1st floor Training Room