

# 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](mailto:gloria.cpac@gmail.com)

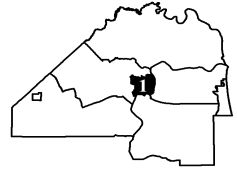
**Vice Chair:** Greg Radlinski 354-8080 [giradlinski@bellsouth.net](mailto:giradlinski@bellsouth.net)

**Mayor's Liaison:** Michelle Barth 630-2456 [mbarth@coj.net](mailto:mbarth@coj.net)

**Mayor's Representative:** Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636 [cshehe@coj.net](mailto:cshehe@coj.net)

**Neighborhood Coordinator:** Stacey K. Burch 255-8236 [sburch@coj.net](mailto:sburch@coj.net)

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## Meeting Summary Thursday, September 4, 2014

### Members

Arnold, Ruth – 02<sup>nd</sup> Mile Ministries  
DeVall, Gloria – Preservation SOS  
Hamilton, William C. - St. John's Lutheran Church  
Harris, Darcel – Mother Midway AME  
Holzendorf Jr., Mike – City Council District 7  
Merrick, Dorothy – Plaza Condominiums  
Radlinski, Greg – Parks at the Cathedral HOA  
Vanderlaan, Doug – SPAR Council  
Whigham, Cynthia – Stand Your Ground Inc.

### Excused –

Demopoulos, Dimitri – Churchwell Lofts at East Bay condo Assn. Inc.

### Guests

Good, Allison	Stewart, Johaco
Holzendorf, Honey	Slen, Vik
Davis, Abner	

### Staff/Resource

Barth, Michelle – Mayor's Office  
Chauncey, Bruce – Code Compliance  
Ransom, Lisa – Planning and Development Dept.  
Green, James - FDOT

### Call to Order

Chair DeVall called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.; it was established that a quorum was present and everyone was welcomed. The meeting started late due to a last minute change of location.

### Approval of the Minutes

*It was determined that some of the CPAC members did not receive the August CPAC Summary to review. The August meeting summary will be resent and submitted for approval at the next meeting.*

### Guest Speakers:

**CEO Brian Taylor, JAXPORT**, provided a slide presentation on expanding, deepening the harbor and creating more job opportunities in Jacksonville. Vice Chair Greg Radlinski asked what would be the projection of the future if the port was not deepened? Brian Taylor stated over the last five years the port has grown to add over 2,000 jobs that is a 9.5% growth in jobs directly related to port activity. Duval County had a decline during this same time frame of 2.7%. If the City of Jacksonville does nothing to deepen the harbor then those jobs will go to Savannah, GA or Charleston, S.C. Jaxport will continue to handle automobiles and regional container business but we will not handle any east- west trades from the Asia/Pacific theater on the east coast. Rail service is not part of these numbers. Vice Chair Radlinski asked if increased rail service

would help if the harbor is not deepened. Taylor stated yes but not a lot. "The rail service will help a little too off set the business lost from the port? It will help us preserve what we already have but it will not allow us to grow. Jaxport has to have a dock rail system if we want to grow."

The Savannah Port is our number one competitor and they are moving forward to deepen their harbor. Savannah is the fourth largest port in America. Mike Holzendorf made the statement in order to stay competitive in the market we must move forward with the plan and Mr. Taylor agreed. Rev Hamilton wanted to know how long it takes to come down the river in Jacksonville compared to Savannah. Savannah is 24 miles up the river and Jacksonville is 13 miles. That is a couple of hours different (port time, fuel and steam time).

Chair Devall asked, what are the biggest environmental concerns? There were several: "Salinity" will intrude into the river. By digging deeper into the river we will be intruding on some of the natural sea life in the area by bring more salt water. This will affect 11% of the cross section of the harbor. The second issue would be what if the model was wrong and the impact was greater than expected? Do we have enough dollars to mitigate for that greater exposure if the model is incorrect? Unfortunately, the way the Corp works is you mitigate for the likely impact. If the model is wrong then you go back and ask for more Federal dollars to mitigate. The way to mitigate this project would be to purchase 638 acres of additional wet land, both fresh and salt water to preserve what may have been lost. When JaxPort says impact they are not talking about anything being killed. They are referring to the stress on the harbor.

Dorothy Merrick asked when does the City Council vote on the bill? Mr. Taylor stated the mayor has created a task force that will evaluate and develop some recommendations on funding. Currently, JaxPort is looking for funding in the City's budget for 2015/2016 and want to start the project in 2016.

**Elected Officials Reports** – Not present

**Staff Reports:**

**JSO Zone 1 LT Ricks** – Not present

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**Mayor's Liaison** – Michelle Barth, provided copies of the Mayors' newsletter to everyone and comments cards are in the back of the room to fill out if someone had any comments. A brochure was also available in the back of the room that contains all the Mayor and City Council information on it. There will be a Park Party on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September at Clanzel Brown Park and Mallison Park as part of Nickelodeons World Wide Day of Play. The Jacksonville Landing will start Friday night concerts with "Friday Night Live" and will feature a battle of the bands on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bands will compete for a grand prize of \$1,000. Budget hearings will continue. At this point all CIP projects on the projects list has been zeroed out. All downtown projects that were presented last month have been struck. If there are any projects your Homeowners Association are partially interested in, then you should attend the hearing tomorrow.

Vice Chair Greg Radlinski, wanted to speak with Public Works (not present) concerning what happens when the City of Jacksonville misses a projected start date on a project in reference to potholes and stumps being removed. The City of Jacksonville does not inform the communities when a project is being pushed back or delayed. Michelle stated she will pass the information on forward.

**Duval County Public Schools** – Not present

**Regulatory and Compliance Department (Code Compliance)** – Zone 1 Supervisor Bruce Chancy – No report – available for questions.

Allison Good asked if it was ok to have commercial vehicles parked in the driveway or on the street. Mr. Chancy replied yes, as long as the vehicle does not weigh over 10,000 lbs. or a boxed truck. This is Ordinance Code 656-4-11.

**Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Jim Green, Main Street Bridge east sidewalk is near completion. Once completed work will began on the west sidewalk and the east sidewalk will reopen.

The project on MLK is almost done.

Construction at the I-10/I-95 interchange, FDOT are going to do some changes to the construction area at the request of the citizens in the community. A walking and bike path will be made to cross the Fuller Warren Bridge, a sound wall will be installed and changing the type of lights (LED) on the project.

The proposed flyover on I-95 and US-17 has been worked out. The project has been redesigned so a flyover is not needed.

The FDOT informed the CPAC that they do not do landscaping or hardscaping this work is contracted out.

The City of Jacksonville will receive funding to make adjustments to College Street to make it a more neighborhood friendly street after the on ramp to I-95 was closed.

A Public Hearing will be held on September 25, 2014, at the Downtown Hyatt concerning the on ramp to the Main Street Bridge. Open house will be from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. A presentation will follow, afterward there will be a question and answer period.

Dorothy Merrick asked when riding on I-10 East there is a road sign to exit on Monroe Street to downtown, when you take this exit you end up in front of the courthouse at a dead end. This is confusing to people from out of town. Mr. Green stated that one administration wanted the sign there to improve downtown. Then another administration built a courthouse there. Mr. Green stated he will take this back to his supervisor.

**Mr. Green can be reached at 360-5684 or [James.green@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:James.green@dot.state.fl.us)**

**Planning and Development** – Planner Lisa Ransom informed the committee that there are no pending zoning applications for the Urban Core. Ms. Ransom reminded the CPAC that she is available to meet with the LUZ subcommittee once they start meeting.

**Ms. Ransom can be reached at 255-7834 or [lransom@coj.net](mailto:lransom@coj.net)**

**Housing and Community Development Division** – Nothing to report

**Community Planning** – Stacey Burch, stated he was open to attending the 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](mailto:sburch@coj.net)**

**Parks & Recreation** – Mark Hartley – was not present however; he sent an email to Stacey Burch with an update:

Bounce horse and garbage receptacle replacements at Raymond E. Davis Park (both have had the funding approved and both have gone for bid) the total is \$8,000. The Bounce Horse was awarded to Playmore Inc. and we are awaiting the install date. The garbage receptacles bid closed on September 8<sup>th</sup> and the items will be ordered as soon as the bid is awarded.

The 55 gallon drums near Confederate playground are part of the FDOT core project for the proposed bridge and creek work that will be performed by the state. FDOT has asked the contractor to remove the drums ASAP.

Mr. Hartley stated he is still working on the CPAC comparison of projects/budget that has been spent and will have a full report at the October meeting. A representative from Community Services Division will give updates quarterly starting in October.

**Mr. Hartley can be reached at 472-2865 or [mhartley@coj.net](mailto:mhartley@coj.net)**

**Project New Ground** – Not present

**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

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### **Chair's Report**

- Organized a nomination subcommittee – Doug Vanderlaan (chair), Dorothy Merrick and Rev. William Hamilton
- Doug Vanderlaan made a motion that we have a meeting in December and Dorothy Merrick seconded the motion. All was in favor of meeting during the month of December.
- The Chair explained the UTube video (Purpose Built Communities) that was sent out by email on the East Lake Project in Atlanta, GA. She encouraged everyone to see the video and think seriously about bring this type of project to Jacksonville. Purpose Built Communities will have a follow up meeting on September 25, 2014, in the training room of the Ed Ball Building at 10:00 am.
- Councilman Gulliford created a committee, Jax Hope, to come up with alternatives to tearing down houses. The UC CPAC was awarded a seat on the committee and Allison Good (Jax Hope Secretary) will hold that seat. Jax Hope is a spinoff from Hope Now. Hope Now has formed a steering committee of the top six financial stake holders to tour Jacksonville and review some of our Blight issues in the community. The committee will be meeting weekly at CDCC @ 1501 Main Street every Wednesday at 3 pm. There is a sense of urgency with Jax Hope.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

- **LUZ (Land Use and Zoning)/Governmental Affairs** – No report
- **Preservation** – Chair DeVall - No report
- **Membership** – No report

- **Downtown Investment Authority** – Greg Radlinski and Dorothy Merrick met with Guy Parola from the Downtown Investment Authority (DIA) on August 29. They discussed the Business and Investment Development Plan 2014-560. This was a bill approving \$2.6M from the Downtown Investment Authority's Downtown Economic Development Fund and adopting the DIA Business Investment & Development Plan. The following was voted on and unanimously approved by all CPAC members with the following amendment:

*Our amendment concerns the criteria the DIA will apply when considering applications for financial support of downtown projects. According to the plan, DIA would measure projects against seven goals. Two of the goals are meaningless; specifically, Goal #1 Reinforce downtown as the City's unique epicenter for business, history, culture, education and entertainment, and Goal #3 Simplify the approval process for downtown development and improve department and agency coordination. The first is so broad that any competent engineer, lawyer, planner or public relations firm can fit any project in a way that meets this criterion. Goal #3 doesn't apply to developers; but, to the DIA itself and other government agencies. Accordingly, UCCPAC recommends amending the bill to require that successful applicants satisfy any two of the other five criteria, regardless of whether a project also satisfies Goal #1 and/or Goal #3 or neither of them.*

- **Transportation** – No report
- **Environmental** – Chair Gloria DeVall (in Mrs. Swain absence) Lonnie Miller Park was founded by the Federal EPA to be fit for children's use. The area has been tested and meets all requirements therefore the signs will be removed.

On August 19, 2014, Darcel Harris met with Heather Ireland to discuss the Brownfield Sites and if there was a projected date for cleanup. Ms. Ireland wanted to know if there was a particular Brownfield Site that we were interested in, if so, she would come to the CPAC meeting and make a presentation.

There is a building off North Myrtle Ave that has information on ash sites in Jacksonville. Ms. Harris will bring that information to the next meeting.

- **Parks** – Greg Radlinski - No report
- **TRUE Commission** – Greg Radlinski – No report
- **Urban Agriculture/Community Gardens** – No report

**Unfinished Business:** Greg Radlinski –The CPAC members unanimously voted to support the Proposed Ordinance 2014-526. This ordinance transfers \$750,000 from the Northbank Riverwalk Bulkhead Improvements project to the Liberty Street Bridge Repair project to repair the Liberty Street collapse between the courthouse parking lot and the Berkman Plaza. Fixing this issue is of the utmost importance to the citizens of Jacksonville at this time, and fully supports the use of transferring funds – provided that the funds, when recovered from the contractor, are placed back into the Northbank Riverwalk Bulkhead Improvement project fund from which they came. This was motioned by Greg Radlinski and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dorothy Merrick.

**New Business:** None

**Public Comments/Announcements:** None

**Adjournment**

*Member Mike Holzendorf made a motion to adjourn and Vice Chair Greg Radlinski seconded the motion. All agreed.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.*

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on  
**Monday, October 6, 2014** at 5:30 p.m.,  
at the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Training Room