

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 633-2699 giradlinski@bellsouth.net

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

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Meeting Summary Monday, February 2, 2015

Members

DeVall, Gloria – Preservation SOS

Vanderlaan, Doug – SPAR Council

Radlinski, Greg – Parks at the Cathedral HOA

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

Swain, Deloris – Grand Boulevard Crime Watch

Parrish, Christina – SAMBA

Merrick, Dorothy – Plaza Condominiums

Pryor, Kim – Preservation SOS

Holzendorf Jr., Mike – City Council District 7

Good, Alison – Sustainable Springfield

Clark, Beverly – Planet Watch Neighborhood Association Inc.

Excused –

Arnold, Ruth -2nd Mile Ministries

Rev. Hamilton, William C. - St. John's Lutheran Church

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Redden, Shereline – Stand Your Ground Inc

Guests

Leatherbury, Angela

Brunner, Kathleen

Nixon, Angie

Foley, Cameron

Zolondck, Kristellys

Tappauni, Michelle

Holman, William

Nickelberry, Alpha

Staff/Resource

Hartley, Mark – Park and Recreation

Para, Bud – JEA

Ransom, Lisa – Planning and Development Department

Green, James – FDOT

Chauncey, Bruce – Code Compliance

Williams, Valerie – Consumer Affairs

Barth, Michelle – Mayor's Office

Call to Order

Chair DeVall called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm; it was established that a quorum was present and everyone was welcomed.

Approval of the Minutes

December and January minutes were approved at the February meeting. All were in agreement.

Subcommittee Meetings

Chair Devall changed the meeting format to have subcommittees meet during the CPAC meetings for the first quarter of 2015. Each group will work towards the following goals:

- 1.) The subcommittee's yearly goal remained intact or does it need adjustment (perhaps broader or narrower)?

- 2.) What steps were taken in January to work toward the subcommittee's goal?
- 3.) What obstacles were encountered during this process (Perhaps time or difficulty in gaining information)?
- 4.) What are the subcommittee's plans for dealing with the obstacles encountered? (Can the subcommittee use the resources identified in January's meeting to help with any obstacles?)
- 5.) What steps will the subcommittee take February?

- **Governmental Affairs –**

- Ms. Ransom spoke about the applications and request for the land mark designation process. A proposed landmark designation for 122 East Duval Street (Elena Flats), was initiated as a result of a demolition request by the owner. Since the building has been determined to be potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, the demolition request must be reviewed and action taken by the commission within sixty days (March 1, 2015). If no action is taken within the sixty day period, the demolition will go forward.
- An Application for Zoning Exception (E-14-74) was submitted for the property at 1035 Park Street. The zoning was for retail sale and service of beer and wine for on premise consumption. A waiver of liquor distance (WLD-14-19) and an administrative deviation (AD-14-64) for a reduction in parking. The LUZ is recommending approval.
- Mr. Greg Radlinski reiterated the 3-2-1 objectives from the January CPAC subcommittee meeting.
- Mr. Dimitri Demopoulos, spoke about Economic Incentives Subcommittee meeting that he attended. The Milken Institute conducted a survey of the City of Jacksonville and gave it great reviews. The results made the City of Jacksonville more attractive.

- **Urban Core Parks –**

- Discussed completing park inspections and established a plan for inspecting the remaining parks.
- The subcommittee will prepare a written request to Parks and Recreation for certain capital improvement funds, to include a playground for Julius Guinyard Park and metal trash cans for Henry J. Klutho Park.
- Mrs. Swain stated there is a maintenance issue with the parks in Jacksonville. Mr. Mark Hartley said the city has hired new employees to provide maintenance to the parks.

- **Membership –**

- Reviewed the list of neighborhood organizations as well as a list of downtown organizations provided by Mrs. Dorothy Merrick. The process has begun to contact all the organization on the list.
- Beverly Clark (Planet Watch) and Angela Leathersbury (Habitat Jax) were in attendance and were acknowledged by CPAC.

- **Public Safety –**

- The Bicycle Subcommittee met from 5:00p.m. – 5:30p.m. to discuss safer use of sidewalks by bicyclists. The committee concurred on the need for bicycle safety instructions for people receiving used bicycles from charitable sources which would require research into the bicycle give-away programs in Jacksonville. The subcommittee also discussed prohibiting riding bicycles on sidewalks within the core City of Jacksonville (Hogan Street to Main Street, and Duval Street to Water Street) and to request Friends of Hemming to enforce the prohibition on riding bicycles in Hemming Plaza.

- o At the 5:30 CPAC meeting the subcommittee discussed the adequacy of street lights, sidewalk conditions, and an ordinance amendment prohibiting bicyclists from riding on sidewalks in the city core. As an option the subcommittee recommended riding bicycles in the street or dismounting the bike and walking with bike like the rest of the pedestrians.
- o The committee also heard complaints about dangerous dogs in the vicinity of 1st Street and Walnut Street but it was too late in the meeting to discuss and formulate a position.

Elected Officials Reports – Mr. Alpha Nickelberry was in attendance representing Councilwoman Kimberly Daniels (At Large Group 1). No questions were asked.

Staff Reports:

JSO – Not present.

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

Jacksonville Fire and Rescue – Not present.

Chief Martin Senterfitt – 630-7873 for emails please contact John Bracey at jbracey@coj.net

Mayor's Liaison – Michelle Barth passed out the Mayor's newsletters.

Tuesday night the City Council approved and passed \$750,000 to address repairs on the pothole on South Liberty Street (the original pothole). FDOT and Engineers are coming in to inspect the hole. The initial collapse happened in 2012.

The Riverwalk Townhomes (located on the corner of Liberty Street and Coastline Dr.) has twenty townhomes without power. Bud Para (JEA) a large section of the street collapsed and a JEA transformer fell in the river. Oil from the transformer spilled over into the river and had to be cleaned up. JEA is waiting on directions from the Engineers. JEA is looking at other ways to restore power to the townhomes. Lights in the parking garage are on a different transformer from the townhomes.

Duval County Public Schools – Not present

Regulatory and Compliance Department (Code Compliance) – Zone 1 Supervisor Bruce Chancy, Operation Urban Blight Systemic Inspections has started and are being conducted.

Zombie foreclosures were discussed at the CPAC meeting and nobody had a clear answer to what the new ordinance stated. Ms. Angela Leatherbury from HabiJax went on to explain that Councilwoman E. Denise Lee has asked that all Community Development Corporations (CDC) be at the Blight meetings for input and discussion concerning the community.

Ms. Alison Good stated Jax Hope is a CDC and has not met since December. The Vice Chair has requested a meet. Jax Hope is attending the Blight meetings.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green, the FDOT budgets every five years and is planning for the next budget 2016 through 2020. I-95 and I-10 operational improvement (the multi-use path across the river) will be selecting a contractor soon. The downtown resurfacing project will be selecting a contractor in June. JEA will be doing sewer work at the same time of resurfacing. Beaver Street will be resurfaced in 2016. Resurfacing I-95 from Norwood to Golfair and Golfair to Main Street will be selecting a contractor in Aug. Work will continue on the Main

Street Bridge for another year or two. Main Street between State Street and Union Street will be going both ways, a contractor will be selected in June. There will be no bike lanes.

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

Planning and Development – Lisa Ransom, stated in previous CPAC meetings she would meet with the subcommittee and then the subcommittee would report to the CPAC. She would be at the CPAC meeting to clarify any issues. The Chair agreed.

Elena Flats (LM-15-01) has gone to Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) and has been approved. Chair Devall recommended the CPAC wait until Elena Flats is ready to go before City Council before sending a recommendation. As long as the landmark is pending the council's approval, the City of Jacksonville cannot demolish the property.

Chair Devall explained to Lisa Ransom that if Lisa feels a special subcommittee meeting needs to be called, she can contact Mike Holzendorf or Stacey Burch to help arrange the meeting concerning Land Utilization and Zoning.

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

Housing and Community Development Division – Nothing to report.

Community Planning – nothing to report.

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

Parks & Recreation – Mark Hartley – Rec and Roll (old recuse trucks) will be increasing to eighteen locations this summer. Twelve locations will be operating half a day and six locations will be full days. Parks is looking to use retired or former coaches and athletes to work in the parks.

Mark Hartley is working with The Parrish near Confederate Park to see if there was a verbal agreement to help keep the park clean. Doug Radlinski stated they are doing a great job of keeping the park clean. However, he would like at a minimum to see the park hours posted in the park. Mark stated the park has never been deemed a park. Funds were added to the area to help get the townhouses sold. Mr. Hartley will follow up with more information at the next meeting.

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

Project New Ground – William Holman stated it is not official yet but it looks like Environmental Restoration (ER) will be the contractor to perform the next phase of remediation.

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

Jacksonville Public Library – Not present

Public Works – Jeff Foster, not present.

JEA – Bud Para, brought brochures on how JEA trims trees.

State Street and Union Street lights are still on his to-do list.

Ms. Doris Swain asked how she could get someone to come out and remove the electric poles on the ground at 1015 Franklin Ave.

Chair's Report

- Last month Kim Pryor spoke with the CPAC about Bill # 2014-427 (Blighted Homes) and it was determined that CPAC would discuss this at the next meeting. However, the Bill was passed January 27, 2015.
- Acknowledge all the hard work that everyone in the CPAC is doing.

Unfinished Business: What is the street sweeping schedule for Springfield? Nobody can give a clear answer because there are a lot of variables that go into the schedule (manpower, weather, equipment etc.). The best answer is every 6-8 weeks.

New Business: none

Public Comments/Announcements:

Michelle Tappauni announced that she was running for City Council At Large Group #5 on March 24, 2015.

Adjournment

Member Greg Radlinski made a motion to adjourn and Doug Vanderlaan, seconded the motion. All agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on
Monday, March 2, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
at the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street, 1st floor Training Room