

# 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 633-2699 [giradlinski@bellsouth.net](mailto:giradlinski@bellsouth.net)

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

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



## Meeting Summary Monday, January 5, 2015

### Members

DeVall, Gloria – Preservation SOS

Harris, Darcel – Mother Midway AME

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

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

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### Excused –

Holzendorf Jr., Mike – City Council District 7

Arnold, Ruth -02nd Mile Ministries

### Guests

Lewis, Richard

Hightower, Janice

Krizek, Kathleen

Whisler, Terry

Jones, Cassandra

Jones, Roderick

Eckley, Richard

Williams – Bey, Hallie

### Staff/Resource

Hartley, Mark – Park and Recreation

Para, Bud – JEA

LT. Ricks, Jimmy – JSO

Tomberg, Michael – JSO

Griffin, Darrell – Housing and Community Development

Ransom, Lisa – Planning and Development Department

Green, James – FDOT

Danko, Martin – Code Compliance

### Call to Order

Chair DeVall called the meeting to order at 5:31pm; it was established that a quorum was present and everyone was welcomed.

### Approval of the Minutes

December minutes will be approved at the February meeting.

### 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.) Determine the top 3 issues that need the CPAC attention in the area.

2.) Identify 2 resources to go to for help. Examples can be City Staff, City Councilmembers, Mayor's Office, press, etc.

3) Combine the three issues and the two resources to come up with 1 concrete goal worth working toward this year.

- **Governmental Affairs –**
  - 1. Waterfront Redevelopment (Jax Landing, shipyards and former county courthouse).
  - 2. DIA (Downtown Investment Authority) and the Planning Department.
  - 3. Solidify waterfront planning.
- **Urban Core Parks –**
  - 1. Maintenance, Programming and Capital improvements.
  - 2. COJ Parks (Mark Hartley), Councilmembers and various nonprofit organizations.
  - 3. Visit and assess every park and request funding for improvements from COJ and the Council.
- **Membership –**
  - 1. Need representation from all areas of the Urban Core, understand CPAC membership eligibility and develop future CPAC leaders.
  - 2. Members of the CPAC and the Planning Department.
  - 3. Add five new members to represent neighborhoods that are currently not CPAC members.
- **Public Safety –**
  - 1. Quality of Life, support JSO, blight and demolition.
  - 2. ShadCo/Neighborhood Watch and City Council.
  - 3. Improve the quality of life in the Urban Core by supporting the police and working toward solutions to reduce vagrancy and blight in a positive manner.
- **Transportation –** members did not meet.
- **Preservation –** members did not meet.
- **Environmental –** members did not meet.

**Elected Officials Reports** – Not present

**Staff Reports:**

**JSO** - Zone 1 LT Ricks, crime is down 17% and burglary is down 25%. There were 3 arrests, 1 felony and 2 misdemeanors at the Jacksonville Landing on New Year's Eve.

JSO is in a busy time of the year. Be aware of your surroundings in Jacksonville; crime is down 3.8% this month. There were 4 stabbings in and around the club TSI over the holidays.

Mrs. Deloris Swain questioned why would someone sell a young adult at a gun show, a gun that fires 300 bullets? Lt. Ricks said you would have to have a special permit to buy automatic weapons.

Ms. Darcel Harris wanted to know where firecrackers would fall with JSO because sometimes she is not sure if it is firecrackers or gunfire? Just call JSO.

LT Ricks will follow up with the CPAC concerning the double homicide at 139 Cottage Ave W. A follow up email was sent to LT Ricks concerning this matter.

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

#### **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue –**

Chief Martin Senterfitt – 630-7873 for emails please contact John Bracey at [jbracey@coj.net](mailto:jbracey@coj.net)

**Mayor's Liaison** – Michelle Barth was unable to make the meeting. However Grace Pettus dropped off the Mayor's newsletter.

Stacey Burch received an email from Lin White with an update to the pothole on South Liberty Street. Teresa Eichner has requested that Bill# 2014-526 be deferred until the Downtown Investment Authority has endorsed the project.

**Duval County Public Schools** – Not present

**Regulatory and Compliance Department (Code Compliance)** – Zone 1 Supervisor Bruce Chancy (Martin Danko) – Mr. Greg Radlinski asked if the city had taken a stand on the Draft Health Report Main Street Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP)/Confederate Park Hazardous Waste Site and Mr. Danko was not sure. Mr. Radlinski stated the CPAC could not wait until the next meeting because a decision had to be made by the 9<sup>th</sup> of January.

**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](mailto:James.green@dot.state.fl.us)

**Planning and Development** – Lisa Ransom, Application for Administrative Deviation was submitted on E-14-66 and E-14-59 has been approved at the Rescue Mission on 3917 North Main Street. E-14-72 and E-14-62 at the church on 1662 Hiram Street will be heard at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> 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** – nothing to report.

Stacey Burch can be reached at 255-8236 or [sburch@coj.net](mailto:sburch@coj.net)

**Parks & Recreation** – Mark Hartley – Next week starts the summer planning for parks; in February the city will start taking applications for summer jobs; the south bank downtown will reopen at the end February; youth leagues will start up in February with almost 800 kids. Any type of Capital Improvement Projects for Park and Recreation within the Urban Core need to be submitted now for the April budget.

Kim Pryor asked if the Kennedy Center was on your list for the budget? The lights were replaced, fans added to the gym and the padding was replaced on the exercise equipment. There are no other CIP for the Kennedy Center.

Mrs. Deloris Swain asked if the sewer odor problem from the kitchen had been taken care of in the Kennedy Center? ASAP Plumbing investigated and found one blockage and took care of this issue.

Mr. Terry Whisler wanted an update on the equipment being transferred to the Urban Core area from Cecil Field? As of December 22<sup>nd</sup> there is a new contractor, B.T. Griffin handling the Cecil Field gym. Fixing the current equipment in the gym does not have anything to do with getting updated equipment. We are still looking to receive better equipment.

**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** – Jeff Foster, not present.

**JEA** – Bud Para – the following questions were presented to Mr. Para to discuss: Sewer replacement on West 5<sup>th</sup> street between Pearl and Silver, West 8<sup>th</sup> Street at Laura? What is the overall approach when replacing the sewers? What is the scheduled for maintaining fire hydrants? Is JEA responsible for the street lights on Golfair and Stuart? These are the questions that will be answered before the next CPAC meeting.

A major drive is going on to make all street lights LED. JSO can request brighter lighting in certain areas.

#### **Chair's Report**

- Nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business:** What is the street sweeping schedule for Springfield? No answer.

**New Business:** Bill # 2014-427 was discussed at great length with Kim Pryor leading the discussion. Ms. Pryor made a motion to not support Bill#2014-427 as it is currently written. Rev Hamilton seconded the motion. After another lengthy discussion the CPAC agreed to table Bill# 2014-427 and create an Ad Hoc Committee to conduct more research into the matter. Kim Pryor, Darcel Harris and Bud Para agreed to be a part of the Ad Hoc Committee. This matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Mr. Greg Radlinski made a motion to have the CPAC support the health report made by the Florida Department of Health, Public Health Toxicology on the Main Street Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP)/Confederate Park Hazardous Waste Site. A motion was made and seconded by

Dorothy Merrick that a letter is sent to Mayor Brown and the Florida Department of Health supporting their conclusions and recommendations. All members were in favor.

An AD Hoc Committee was formed to address the issue of bicycles being ridden on the sidewalks in the Downtown Core area. Greg Radlinski, Doug Vanderlaan Terry Whisler and Dimitri Demopoulos will be a part of this committee. Denise Chaplick, the city bike subject matter expert will be invited to the AD Hoc Committee meeting.

#### **Public Comments/Announcements:**

The Moncrief & Myrtle Ave Business Association announced that they are having a "Stop the Violence Walk" on February 28<sup>th</sup> at Simon Johnson Park.

The members of the CPAC were also encouraging the Moncrief and Myrtle Ave Business Association to join the CPAC.

#### **Adjournment**

*Member Dorothy Merrick made a motion to adjourn and Greg Radlinski seconded the motion. All agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.*

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