

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

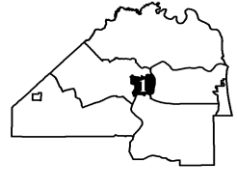
Meeting Location: Ed Ball Building – Training Room 110 – 214 N. Hogan St.

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

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



Meeting Summary Monday, June 1, 2015

Members

DeVall, Gloria – Preservation SOS

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

Swain, Johnny – Grand Boulevard Crime Watch

Good, Alison – Sustainable Springfield

Vanderlaan, Doug – SPAR Council

Pryor, Kim – Preservation SOS

Radlinski, Greg – Parks at the Cathedral

Swain, Delores – Grand Boulevard Crime Watch

Harris, Darcel – Mother Midway AME

Merrick, Dorothy – Plaza Condominiums

Excused –

Hamilton, William C. – St. John's Lutheran Church

Parrish, Christina – SAMBA

Holzendorf Jr., Mike – City Council District 7

Guests

Thompson, Nick

Higber, Lawrence

Genora, Crain-Orth

Dihyler, Rebecca

Duncan, Jennifer

Foley, Cameron

Flornoy, Jewel

Whisler, Terry

Hyde, Robert

Tappouni, Michelle

Lewis, Richard

Clark, Beverly

Senior, Juanita

Foley, Cameron

Staff/Resource

Barth, Michelle – Mayor's Office

Riddick, Cheryl – JTA

Weckenmann, Carl - JTA

Chauncey, Bruce – Code Compliance

LT Ricks, Jimmy – JSO

Ransom, Lisa – Planning & Development

Foster, Jeff – Public Works

Cavan, Chris – JPL

Call to Order

Chair Gloria DeVall called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm; it was established that a quorum was present and everyone was welcomed.

Approval of the Minutes

May and June minutes will be approved at the August meeting.

Presentation: Crain-Orth, Genora, River City Chicks (Ordinance 2015-337): presented the common misconceptions about backyard hens. There were 300 permits issued for the pilot program in 2013 and it was very successful. If the ordinance is approved everyone will be allowed to have chickens in their backyard.

Dimitri Demopoulos asked what happens if citizens don't take care of the chickens. Gloria DeVall stated there use to be a hatchery in Springfield and the citizens of Springfield are very protective of the chickens in Springfield. Doug Vanderlaan has lived in the Springfield area for over 13 years and has not seen chickens as a problem. Municipal Code is complaint driven concerning chickens, not inspection driven. Therefore if there are no complaints then Municipal Code will not come out to inspect. Kim Pryor went into great details to explain the benefits of having chickens in her backyard.

A motion was made and approved to support unanimously Ordinance 2015-337 by members of the Urban Core CPAC.

Subcommittee Meetings:

Transportation

Greg Radlinski was made aware that he would be the Chair of this subcommittee. Dimitri Demopoulos and Doug Vanderlaan will be members.

Property Safety

Mike Holzendorf has other obligations that will take him away from the Property Safety subcommittee. The CPAC Chair has asked the community to support the subcommittee. Kim Pryor (Chair) and Allison Good are already members of this subcommittee.

The subcommittee met May 29th to compile a list of questions that the subcommittee would like answered. Kim Pryor asked the CPAC to send any questions to her and she will provide that list of questions to Stacey Burch once the list is completed. Then Stacey Burch will forward the list to the Mayor's Office.

Parks and Recreation

Discussed Henry Klutho Park and decided that the subcommittee will meet with SPAR (Springfield Preservation and Revitalization) and the Springfield Improvement Association to decide what equipment should be placed in the park. Also speak with Mark Hartley to get a price list for the equipment.

It was also recommended that the subcommittee get a copy of the master plan from the City of Jacksonville to ensure the CPAC plan for the park is in accordance with the master plan.

Beverly Clark asked if there were any plans for Schell Park; the park needs playground equipment. The subcommittee will follow up with Parks and Recreation to see what plans they may have.

Darcel Harris wants a follow-up on repairing the fence at A. Phillip Randolph Park and Greg Radlinski wanted a follow-up from Mark Hartley concerning the equipment that was removed from Klutho Park because of ground contamination. Alison Good also wants to know if money was budgeted for playground equipment and move to another project because of ground contamination.

Elected Officials Reports – none.

Staff Reports:

JSO – LT Ricks, Jimmy – violent crime is down 1.1% and property crime is almost down 10% in Zone 1 (downtown area). The CPAC has asked JSO to report the common or repeated crimes and the CPAC would let ShadCo dig into the weeds of crime.

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

- This will be Michelle Barth last meeting as the Mayor Liaison and she thanked everyone for their support.
- Myrtle Ave and MLK Expressway had dim lighting at the intersection, after research and checking the watts on each light pole, the lighting does meet the standards and two lights were out (reported and will be fixed within the next three days).
- This Saturday the Fair Housing Symposium will be at the Convention Center. Summer Night Lights will be in the City Parks again this summer. The Super Country Festival will be June 13-14.

Duval County Public Schools – Not present

Regulatory and Compliance Department (Code Compliance) – Bruce Chauncey, a systematic inspection was conducted on East Jacksonville, 244 out of 256 were nuisance cases. This was conducted with seven inspectors over a day and a half time period.

Terry Whisler asked if it would make sense to announce the inspection to the community before the inspection. Maybe this would cut down on the nuisance cases. A concerned citizen stated no because it is always the same people with violations.

Regulatory and Compliance Department (Consumer Affairs) – Valerie Williams not present.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green not present.

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

Community Planning Division – Lisa Ransom, an application for waiver was submitted for the minimum distance requirements for liquor license and an exception for zoning at 1049 Park Street. The date of the public hearing is June 18th.

Councilman Warren Jones, Parks and Recreation and Culture Affairs have partnered to create a new park at the intersection of Lee and Houston Street. The park will be named after the Negro National Anthem "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing". The unveiling of the park will be on June 17th.

Lisa Ransom assured the CPAC that Five Points in Riverside is a part of the Urban Core and the Chair stated the CPAC will need to reach out to that area of Riverside.

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

Housing and Community Development Division

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

Parks & Recreation – Mark Hartley not present. Delores Swain mentioned that she has started revisiting the parks and everything that she has reported to Mark has been completed.

Mark Hartley can be reached at 255-7918 or mhartley@coj.net

Project New Ground – William Holman not present. Jeff Foster, the ash flow program in the Cleveland and 5th Street area is in phase 5 and 6; the initial phase along the Ribault River by Missionary Baptist Church has begun; the engineering work has been completed to start the cleanup of Lonnie Miller Park in 2016; Brown's Dump (Mary McCloud Bethune School) and the 4th Street Park are also in the plans for the next fiscal year; we are in the active process with the Hogan's Greenway project; the three year lease for the Confederate Park survey building is being reviewed by the board.

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, a pre-bid went out and is due June 10th for the sinkhole/demolish on Liberty Street. This project will have to be an added alternative because the City of Jacksonville does not have the complete funding at this time. Currently the City of Jacksonville is looking into repairing the bridge or creating a bulkhead.

Met with the FDOT concerning the old courthouse parking deck along Coastline Drive and they are looking at repair options in front of the Hyatt right now.

Street sweeping will be done about 8 times a year; the pothole project at 8th and Laura is completed; the lights in the gym at the Kennedy Center have been replaced; the City is currently upgrading the ADA access in the center and looking for \$20,000 from Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) to fix the backflow preventer.

Juanita Senior questioned why the Mowing Division cut the easement along the Boulevard between 8th and 16th Street. Ms. Senior wants the grass cut all along the Boulevard, not just between 8th and 16th Street. Mr. Foster will follow up with Stacey Burch on this information.

Delores Swain, the water settles on the sidewalks and easement at Raymond E. Davis Park. She has tried to contact Frank Morrison about the situation; he is not returning her phone calls. Also water settles at the playground on the Market Street side of Confederate Park. Jeff Foster stated Confederate Park is old and until we change things at the Matthews Bridge the water will continue to run off into the park. Jeff will pass along the information to Frank Morrison.

Kim Pryor stated the Springfield area is having a lot of pothole problems. What is the City of Jacksonville's plan to fix the problem? Potholes are on West 5th Street between Pearl Street and Silver Street; the intersection of 5th and Market Street. Jeff Foster will follow up on the potholes.

Jeff Foster will follow up with the CPAC concerning the stuccoing being replaced on the main library.

JEA – Bud Para not present.

JTA – Cheryl Riddick and Carl Weckenmann, a host of scheduled changes will take place in July; Route 16 (bus to St. Vincent Hospital) will began servicing Rosa Parks on all of its trips; Route

12 will begin connecting Rosa Parks with the convention center and our Myrtle Ave operations. The communication team is printing out flyers for these and other changes.

You can go to www.transportal.net or www.jtafla.com for all your bus scheduling needs.

Jacksonville Transportation Authority @ www.jtafla.com

Chair's Report

- The City of Jacksonville has given CPAC members business cards to hand out to the community.
- The CPAC Chair's meeting will be held monthly. We are looking to get a CPAC person on the Planning Commission.
- A motion was made to not have a CPAC meeting in the month of July. All agreed. Subcommittee meetings will continue to meet in July.

Unfinished Business:

- The fence at Liberty Park is being repaired, however the CPAC would like to see another fence installed with strong material. Currently citizens are ripping the fence open with their bare hands.

New Business: Greg Radlinski, stated the trash cans around the old courthouse have not been emptied for a long time. Maybe the trustees from the jail can come empty the trash cans. Bruce Chauncey stated he has a crew and that is their responsibility. He will follow up.

Dimitri Demopoulos made a motion that the Urban Core CPAC supports the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission's sponsorship of Bill 2014-803 to Landmark the Elena Flats building located at 122 East Duval Street. All agreed.

Public Comments/Announcements: The Historic Home Springfield Tour and the Barnett Mansion will be open the first weekend in June.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on
Monday, August 3, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
at the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street, 1st floor Training Room