

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

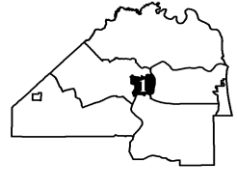
Meeting Location: Ed Ball Building – Training Room 110 – 214 N. Hogan St.

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, May 4, 2015

Members

DeVall, Gloria – Preservation SOS

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

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

Swain, Johnny – Grand Boulevard Crime Watch

Holzendorf Jr., Mike – City Council District 7

Good, Alison – Sustainable Springfield

Parrish, Christina – SAMBA

Vanderlaan, Doug – SPAR Council

Arnold, Ruth – 2nd Mile Ministries

Pryor, Kim – Preservation SOS

Excused –

Harris, Darcel – Mother Midway AME

Radlinski, Greg – Parks at the Cathedral

Guests

Hill, Jim

Dihyler, Rebecca

Kriezek, Kathleen

Ray, Bessie

Lewis, W.J.

Tappouni, Michelle

Holman, Bill

Lewis, Richard

Hyde, Robert

Staff/Resource

Hartley, Mark – Park and Recreation

Para, Bud – JEA

Green, James – FDOT

Santiago, Betzy – Mayor's Office

Riddick, Cheryl – JTA

Franque, Robert - JTA

Chauncey, Bruce – Code Compliance

Williams, Valerie – Consumer Affairs

SGT Senterfitt, Michael – JSO

Call to Order

Chair Gloria 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

April minutes were approved. All were in agreement.

Subcommittee Meetings:

Public Safety Discussion:

The Chair Gloria DeVall commended all of the subcommittees for doing a great job. Some of the highlights were Dolores Swain with the Parks subcommittee for park inspections, three parks

were recommend playground equipment and a thank you letter was sent out to the Director of Parks; the Membership Subcommittee for reaching out to the new and old neighborhoods in the Urban Core and inviting them to the CPAC meetings.

The next two months the CPAC subcommittees will focus on Public Safety during the month of May and Governance during the month of June.

ShAdCo

- The Chair Gloria DeVall suggested the CPAC reach out to all four ShAdCo subsections in the Urban Core and see if the CPAC can receive a monthly summary from each subsection.

Mike Holzendorf suggested inviting the CDC's to speak at the CPAC meetings because they are in the grass roots of their community. Mike stated he would reach out to the Northwest CDC.

Dimitri Demopoulos also suggested getting a criminal activity report online.

Christina Parrish and Johnny Swain feel the CPAC should not be in the weeds concerning the crime in the Urban Core. ShAdCo's primary focus is crime prevention and the Urban Core CPAC will handle other topics.

After a very lengthy discussion at the Urban Core CPAC, Christina Parrish made a motion to schedule a speaker twice a year that will provide trends/statistics. If more information is needed on crime in the Urban Core then the CPAC will refer to ShAdCo. All agreed.

Bike and Pedestrians

Kim Pryor asked if JSO can assist the CPAC in defining what bike and pedestrian areas are under JSO. SGT Senterfill stated the law enforcement side (state law or municipal law) traffic signs and signals are JSO. When you start to talk about lanes, engineering and education, then it will fall back onto the City of Jacksonville. He also wanted it to be very clear that the CPAC is a program that falls under the Mayor. Police officers work for the Sheriff and police officers show up at the CPACs as a courtesy. The Mayor and Sheriff are two different elected officials.

It was discussed and decided that Bike and Pedestrian will fall under the Transportation subcommittee. Greg Radlinski (Chair), Dimitri Demopoulos and Doug Vanderlaan will be part of the committee.

Property Safety

A Property Safety subcommittee was established to come up with questions to explain File #2015-340 amending Chapter 179, Ord. Code, before the next meeting. Kim Pryor, Allison Good, and Mike Holzendorf are on that subcommittee.

Infrastructure

The Chair asked the CPAC if they felt a need to have an infrastructure subcommittee. It was discussed and agreed upon that an infrastructure subcommittee was not needed at this time and if the CPAC had any questions they would refer to the Mayors' Liaison to get the answer.

Elected Officials Reports – none.

Staff Reports:

JSO – SGT Senterfitt, Michael, Operation Cease Fire (Officers knocking on doors, building face to face relationships and educating the community) has started and will go on for the next three months; JSO is working with other departments to ensure everyone is safe when downtown.

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 – Betzy Santiago is filling in for Michelle Barth.

- Mayor Brown's Learn2Earn program is still taking applications; the city's new website is up and running; JaxParks Youth Camps is heating up for summer fun for ages 4-17; Summer Night Lights will be at some parks again this summer; Police Memorial Day is Friday, May 8th; Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Gala Saturday May 16th at the Downtown Main Library; May 15th is Jacksonville Bike to Work Day; the Jacksonville Jazz Festival is May 21-24; Free Career Counseling for Veterans May 21st 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. @ City Hall; Starry Nights at Metropolitan Park May 16th starting at 6:00 p.m.

Follow up questions from the last CPAC meeting:

- Myrtle Ave and MLK Expressway had dim lighting at the intersection, after research and checking the watts on each light pole, one of the lights was out. A crew will be out this week to replace the light.
- The CPAC wanted to know if a Request For Proposal (RFP) for demolition of the courthouse was in place. There is no RFP at this time.
- There was a concern that there are too many entrances and exits for crime at Liberty Park. There is currently an entry point that was only intended for exiting the park. This entry point was created by vandalism. Parks and Recreation is working on having only two entry points to the park.
- The reoccurring pothole at 8th Street and Laura Street is being repaired. JEA and AT&T have done work in this area; that's why it seems like the pothole keeps occurring. Traffic is being detoured until construction is complete.

Duval County Public Schools – Not present

Regulatory and Compliance Department (Code Compliance) – Bruce Chauncey, two men that work in zoning have been promoted to senior officers and one of them will move to another zone; a fence was placed around the property at 321 East 3rd Street after it caught on fire; a systematic inspection was conducted on the mid-Westside and 577 properties were cited.

Regulatory and Compliance Department (Consumer Affairs) – Valerie Williams, the Consumer Affairs Office operates under the provisions legislated in the City of Jacksonville Municipal Code Ordinances as listed; Miscellaneous Business Regulations, Chapter 250, Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices, Chapter 696, and Charitable Solicitations on the Right of Way, Chapter 804.806. This office investigates, mediates and works toward resolution for consumer complaints.

This office also issues permits to feed the homeless. If you are giving out food either cooked or uncooked, then you must have a permit. Ice Cream trucks must have at a minimum an operator's permit (this is part of the background check).

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green; Main Street Bridge will be completed within the next few days and the next project will not start until next April; the I-95 resurfacing project of the Myrtle Ave overpass will be completed next spring; on State and Union Street between Main and Liberty Street, JEA will continue to work and build a lift station in the area throughout the summer; a public information meeting is scheduled for the Edison Ave Bridge over McCoy's Creek on June 1st.

Christina Parrish asked with the resurfacing between State and Union Street, will the FDOT still have two-way traffic on Main Street once completed and do you have any plans that we can see for the lift station. Jim stated "yes, Main Street will return to two-way traffic and you will have to contact JEA concerning plans for the lift station. Christina stated she would follow up with Bud Para from JEA.

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

Community Planning Division – A Public Hearing is scheduled at City Council on May 12 and the LUZ Committee on May 20, for ORD-Q 2015-170, designating the Elena Flats Bldg at 122 E Duval St as a Landmark. Kim Pryor will email this information out to everyone in the CPAC.

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, the Kennedy Center is part of the Summer Night Lights program; 33 of the 34 outdoor pools will be opening the end of the month; summer camps are kicking off and the financial voucher program is open now; the Rec and Roll program will kick off at 15 locations; summer program guides are available in the office on the 1st floor of the Ed Ball building; a press conference was held by the National Park Service and the City of Jacksonville was listed in the top 10 Urban Core Parks systems in America; as a result a park fellow will be added to the region to help bring more grants and resources to the city on a national level; the fence at A. Phillip Randolph Park is being repaired.

Christina Parrish stated that the fence in Confederate Park on the Orange Street side is damaged. Mark Hartley stated that the fence has been replaced.

Johnny Swain asked for an update on the letter his wife (Deloris Swain) had written concerning equipment for the parks. The Chair stated she would follow up with Stacey Burch to ensure the letter went out.

Kim Pryor stated there were a couple of questions being asked on the Springfield website. Is it possible to put a baby swing in the dog park for the little babies and can pull up your pants signs be post in the park. Mark Hartley stated he would talk to city planners about the swing in the park and it would have to be a City of Jacksonville ordinance to post the signs in the park.

A concerned citizen asked if Warren W. Schell Jr. Memorial Park would have anything else besides basketball courts in the park. Mark Hartley stated a letter from the CPAC was written to request more equipment in the park.

Christina Parrish expressed her concerns that the people of Springfield would prefer shade structure vs playground equipment in Confederate Park. The shade structure would be more beneficial in the summer time because it is too hot in the park. She also stated that the Parks subcommittee and the Urban Core CPAC did not vote to have a letter written to have playground equipment placed in Confederate Park. A motion was made and all members agreed to request playground equipment be placed in Julius Guinyard Park and minimum of 40 decorative receptacles was requested for Klutho Park during the February meeting. Confederate Park was not included in the letter.

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

Project New Ground – William Holman, currently conducting pre-construction survey to see how many (currently 110) properties will have to be surveyed. They are looking to break ground at the end of this month.

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.

JEA – Not present

JTA – Cheryl Riddick and Andy Rogers, the JTA Mobility Works is a program designed to complete projects funded by the extension of the Local Option Gas Tax. JTA is reviewing transit, pedestrian and bicycling movement within each mobility corridor. Community involvement and feedback will help determine projects most beneficial to the neighborhoods. JTA is looking at 14 mobility corridors throughout Jacksonville. The First Coast Flyer (a premiere service that will extend across the city) will have five phases Downtown, North (Lem Turner Road), Southeast (Philips Highway), Southwest (Park Street), Eastbay (Arlington and Beach Boulevard (out to the beaches). JTA is currently doing construction on Jefferson Street and Broad Street, moving the sidewalks and curves back, adding a buses only lane to the road. We are currently only closing roads at night in the downtown area.

Jacksonville Transportation Authority @ www.jtafla.com

Chair's Report

- Jim Hill (Chair) from the Southeast CPAC was in attendance and will be working with the Urban Core CPAC to solve some of the same issues both CPACs may have.
- Cherry Shaw, is one of thirty attorneys in the Office of General Council and she specializes in land use, environmental issues, employment and ethics.

Bill #2014-427 is in effect after a property has been vacant for two years with no water and electric and excessive code violations/nuisance liens. Donating the properties (city owned) to a nonprofit organization is the first step before it goes through the selling/demolition process. Once a property meets the requirements, within 5-6 months the property is demolished. Historic properties are exceptions.

Mike Holzendorf asked how this new ordinance adds or takes away from the ordinance. Ms. Shaw stated that this bill came to light from the Blight Committee (Councilmember Lee, Jones, Crescimbeni and Love) to clean up blight in the neighborhoods. Mr. Holzendorf stated he did not see how this ordinance helped historic properties because his historic property was demolished. Gloria DeVall stated Mr. Holzendorf property was

demolished because the property was outside the historic district. Ms. DeVall asked how we are ensuring property not in the historic district would not be demolished in the future. Ms. Shaw could not answer the question, however she did state that if the property met the City of Jacksonville's definition as defined by the Planning Department then it would not be demolished inside or outside the historic district and she was not aware if the department would add more staff to handle this issue.

Christina Parrish stated what does this bill do to expand Code Enforcement power? Ms. Shaw stated in the past there was not a policy for property that was vacant without water and electric for two years.

Kim Pryor acknowledged that Cherry Shaw was in a bad position at the meeting because members of the CPAC have specific questions concerning the demolition process. What is the process and procedure within Code Enforcement in determining how properties are chosen for demolish, what type of pre-work is done before the demolish process, some properties are deemed safe and other are not, how do you make those distinctions, do you have general contractors to make those qualified decisions, do you have structural engineers on staff that are qualified to make structural decisions and which properties do and do not go to the Special Masters process? Kim was not sure everything in the policy is written. Cherry Shaw could not answer the questions. Betzy Santiago stated she would get a list of questions from the CPAC and try and get those questions answered.

The Chair asked the Property Safety subcommittee to get a list of questions for Code Enforcement and the subcommittee requested a copy of the written procedures of Code Enforcement.

Kim Pryor asked Cherry Shaw why the City of Jacksonville will not foreclose on properties that have liens, and then the city can donate the property. Ms. Shaw stated the city has started that process on properties (218 Church Street and 21st Ave).

- The CPAC Chairs met last week with the Mayor and received information on the summer programs and asked the Mayor for a voting seat on the Planning Commission Board. The Chairs will be meeting every month.

Unfinished Business:

- The Chair will follow-up with Stacey Burch to ensure the letter supporting the motion for the Kings Road Lane Reduction Project proposed by the FDOT, provided the project extends the bike lanes from Tyler Street to Cleveland Street or some other type of provision that supports the bike lanes is completed.

New Business: none

Public Comments/Announcements: none

Adjournment

Member Kim Pryor made a motion to adjourn and Doug Vanderlaan seconded the motion. All agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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