

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

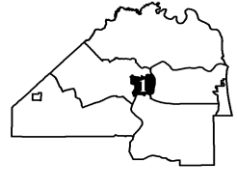
Meeting Location: Ed Ball Building – Training Room 110 – 214 N. Hogan St.

Chair: Gloria De Vall 449-4340 gloria.cpac@gmail.com

Vice Chair: Greg Radlinski 633-2699 giradlinski@bellsouth.net

Mayor's Liaison: E. Denise Lee 630-1874 EDeniseL@coj.net

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



Meeting Summary Thursday, September 3, 2015

Members

DeVall, Gloria – Preservation SOS
Vanderlaan, Doug – SPAR Council
Radlinski, Greg – Parks at the Cathedral
Holzendorf Jr., Mike – City Council District 7
Foley, Cameron – Plaza Condominiums
Good, Alison – Sustainable Springfield
Hamilton, William C. – St. John's Lutheran Church
Harris, Darcel – Mother Midway AME
Williams-Bey, Hallie – Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.
Pryor, Kim – Preservation SOS
Tappaini, Michelle – SPAR Council

Excused

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

Guests

Hyde, Robert	Markusic, Joseph
Merrick, Dorothy	Whisler, Terry
Senior, Juanita	Clark, Beverly
Redman, Don	

Staff/Resource

Riddick, Cheryl – JTA
Register, Thomas – Code Compliance
LT Ricks, Jimmy – JSO
Lacayo, Rosario – Planning & Development
Hartley, Mark – Parks and Recreation
Moore, Chiquita – At-Large Council Group 05 Aide
Sanders, Jeneen – At-Large Council Group 05 Aide
Brunner, Kathleen – Public Library
Robinson, Jim – Public Works
Foster, Jeff – Public Works
Green, James – FDOT
Lee, E. Denise – Mayor's Office

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

August minutes were approved. All were in agreement.

Presentation: Lisa Rinaman, St. Johns Riverkeeper, over the last three years the Riverkeeper has been working with the City of Jacksonville, Army Corp of Engineers, Jaxport and who ever would listen to try and get a balanced approach on dredging the St. Johns River. The approach has failed. The Army Corp of Engineers reduced the budget from \$80 million to \$3

million. The St. Johns Riverkeeper opposes the dredging of the St. Johns River without protection. The current dredging plan does not protect the St. Johns River. The Army Corp of Engineers is moving forward with the plan to dredge 13 miles. At this point in the process, the Riverkeeper has two options; 1. File a lawsuit on the federal level against the Army Corp of Engineers challenging their work. The goal of this lawsuit would be to get mitigation. 2. On the state level challenge the permits needed for the project. The St. Johns Riverkeeper will use all of its tools to protect the St. Johns River.

Dorothy Merrick asked who pays for all of the litigations. This is all paid by private funding. The St. Johns Riverkeeper vs. Army Corp of Engineers.

Greg Radlinski asked if the debris from the old courthouse could be used to fill in the sinkhole on Liberty Street. Jim Robinson stated no. The debris from the old courthouse is contaminated.

Central Florida has a water plan to pull out 150 million gallons of water a day from the St. Johns River for drinking water. There are multiple organizations in Central Florida supporting this plan. Mayor Curry has come out and stated that he is against the plan. The Riverkeeper believes there are other options available to conserve water and ensured the CPAC that Northeast Florida will continue to be in conversations with Central Florida.

Greg Radlinski suggested that if the state of California can be placed on a water conservation plan then a rich water environment like Florida can do the same.

Doug Vanderlaan made a motion that the Urban Core CPAC supports the Riverkeepers efforts to increase mitigation resources efforts which has led to litigations against the Army Corp of Engineers. The motion was seconded and majority was in favor.

Elected Officials Reports At-Large Councilman Group 05 (Sam Newby) Assistant Chiquita Moore – reported the parcel of land in front of Cathedral Park does not belong to the City of Jacksonville or the Cathedral. The City of Jacksonville is trying to obtain the land for Parks and Recreation. Currently the Cathedral does the maintenance for the land. Darryl Joseph (Interim Director, Parks and Recreation) informed Ms. Moore that by making this land a park it would increase the number of people allowed in the park but the COJ would be allowed to post restricted hours.

The Recreation Community Development(RCD) Committee, Doyle Carter (Chair) has challenged all City Councilmembers on the committee to select two projects that they will work on to help improve the city blight issues. Ms. Moore will follow up with the CPAC in the future to let everyone know what the projects are. Currently there is no dollar value to the projects.

At-Large Councilwoman Group 1 (Anna Lopez Brosche) Assistant Jeneen Sanders attended the meeting and did not have anything to report.

Staff Reports:

JSO – LT Ricks, Jimmy – not present.

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

Mayor's Liaison – E. Denise Lee, attended the CPAC meeting to receive questions and answers from the CPAC and report them back to the Mayor's Office.

Greg Radlinski stated he and Ms. Lee had discussed earlier in the evening that she would have someone or herself come to the CPAC meeting next month to answer questions or explain the demolition process for historic and non-historic properties in the Springfield and Brooklyn area.

Ms. Lee states she could not think of any legislation that discuss potential historic property and encouraged everyone both renters and or property owners to do the research to find out if the property has been designated historic property.

The Urban Core CPAC would like for the City of Jacksonville to make sure there is no "potential" history connected with the property before it is demolished. Ms. Lee will research the process to ensure the CPAC gets a clear answer on the demolition process. Currently the CPAC feels there is no research being conducted before the property is demolished. Questions will be collected and sent to Stacey Burch to forward to E. Denise Lee.

Ms. Lee will meet with all department directors to get a better understand of their process.

Ms. Lee stated there is a myth to where people think the Urban Core is located. Housing and Community Development (Dayatra Cole) has created a map of the Urban Core for everyone.

Duval County Public Schools – Not present.

Regulatory and Compliance Department (Code Compliance) – Thomas Register, stated that before a property is condemned they are required to do a historic check on the property. There is no standard operating procedure for historic property checks but he trains staff to the best of his ability.

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

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green, the downtown resurfacing project will begin in December.

The community voted against the Kings Road Lane Reduction recently. The Urban Core CPAC sent a letter supporting the project.

New Springfield wants a crosswalk on Main Street near 16th and 17th Street.

A Public Hearing Meeting will be held October 6th instead of in December because of legislation meetings in early January, at the FDOT Training Center. Open house starts at 5 p.m. with a presentation at 6 p.m. This will be a presentation on the projects for the next 5 years.

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

Community Planning Division – Rosario Lacayo, Elena Flats at 122 East Duval Street has been officially designated by the City Council as a landmark, the building was recently purchased by Jack Meeks and JoAnn Tredennick who plan to rehabilitate the building for multi-family use. At their August 26 meeting, the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission approved a motion recommending the City Council to designate Old Duval High School at 605 North Ocean Street as a landmark.

At the same meeting, the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) application for the demolition of 1634-36 Ionia Street was deferred by the Commission in order that more detailed documentation on its condition can be provided. It will be reheard at the September 23 meeting.

According to the Section 306.106 of the Ordinance Code, A certificate of appropriateness shall be required, in addition to any other building permits, zoning exceptions, variances, or administrative deviations required by law, prior to commencing any alteration, new construction, demolition, relocation, mothballing or any other action regulated by this Chapter

affecting a landmark, landmark site or property located in an historic district. For this and other information regarding historic properties, you can find the information in **Chapter 307 of the City of Jacksonville Ordinance Code- HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION @ www.municode.com**.

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

Housing and Community Development Division – Stacey Burch, a public meeting was held for the Kings Road Lane Reduction @ EWC Sports & Music Complex and the community voted against it.

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

Parks & Recreation – Mark Hartley, did not attend meeting.

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

Project New Ground – William Holman not present, Jeff Foster, currently working on 5th and Cleveland Street in part 5 and 6. When this part is completed we will be about 85% complete and should be done by September 2016. The City Council funded \$1.7 million for 2016.

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, Public Works does not support buying trash cans for public sites. All trash cans supported by Public Works are funded through grants or donations. Jacksonville University has about 20 trash cans that they are willing to donate to the City of Jacksonville.

Hogan Street Green Way is in contract negotiations right now with completion in July 2016.

Hubbard Street Bridge will have a pre-bid meeting within the next couple of weeks.

Greg Radlinski asked when the stucco on the main library on the eastside of the building will be completed. Jim Robinson (Public Works), waterproofing was done to this area and \$200,000 was added to the FY 2016 budget to complete the project once the budget is approved.

Alison Good asked out of the 183 bridges in Duval County that FDOT has reviewed, how many have passed? You have 18 structurally deficient bridges (does not mean it will collapse but repairs are needed) and maybe 18 functionally obsolete bridges (some dimension of the bridge that do not meet the requirements of today's standards). The Liberty Street Bridge was inspected and found to be structurally deficient before the sinkhole.

Alison Good suggested the street sweeper be put on a plan to have the streets sweep two or three day every other month so the community can have their cars moved from the curve. Jim Robinson stated he would look into it. The community is willing to help get the word out to the community.

Kim Pryor asked if anything can be done to clear the drainage on West 7th Street between Pearl and Laura Street. Mr. Robinson stated the drainage in the area is very poor and the City of Jacksonville is looking into getting an estimate of the (high) cost. COJ is very much aware of the drainage problem in that area.

JEA – Bud Para, not present.

JTA – Cheryl Riddick, The Jacksonville Transportation Authority handed out the First Coast Flyer sheet; you will start to see the First Coast Flyer bus shelters downtown starting in October 2015 but service will not begin until December 2016(because grant dollars have to be used during FY 2016); the Jacksonville Jaguars season has started with bus services starting two hours before the game and until one hour after the game (904-630-3110).

Jacksonville Transportation Authority @ www.jtafla.com

Chair's Report

- Recognized Doug Vanderlaan (SPAR Council) for over fourteen years of hard work as a CPAC member. He is stepping down to be the alternate member and Michelle Tappaini, will be the primary member.
- If there is anyone you would like to see present at the CPAC meeting please contact Stacey Burch. Paul Tutwiler will be the presenter at the October meeting.

Unfinished Business: Jim Robinson (Public Works) – \$5 million was put into this years' budget to repair the Liberty Street/Coastline bridge (sinkhole). The FDOT conducted an inspection of the bridge and determined that the bridge was in no shape to be repaired even for a short period of time. The structure is over 50 years old. The City Administration in conjunction the Council developed a plan to add another \$32 million. City Council will vote on this September 21st. A total of \$37 million will be used to complete the following:

1. Demolition and replacement of Liberty Street from Courthouse Way (where the bridge starts) out to the river.
2. Demolition and reconstruction of the area on Coastline Drive between Newnan Street and Market Street in front of the Hyatt Hotel.
3. Pay for only the demolishment of the old courthouse parking deck.
4. The shadow of Coastline Drive from the parking deck out to the river.
5. Enhance the development of the Riverwalk path running eastward.

This will take about 30 months to complete. At this time there is not a concrete timeline.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting at 5 p.m. before the October CPAC Meeting to discuss the candidates for Chair and Vice Chair of the Urban Core. Please contact Stacey Burch if you are interested.

New Business: There is a landmark application for 725 Edison Ave that the CPAC may want to have a motion on in the future. The Historic Planning Department is putting together the information for a landmark.

Public Comments/Announcements: None

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn and all agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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