

# District #1 - Urban Core

## Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

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

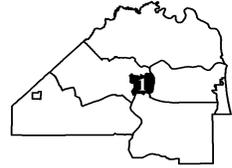
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**Vice Chair:** Greg Radlinski 354-8080 [giradlinski@bellsouth.net](mailto:giradlinski@bellsouth.net)

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

**Mayor's Representative:** Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636 [cshehe@coj.net](mailto:cshehe@coj.net)

**Neighborhood Coordinator:** Rosemary Wesolowski 255-8261 [rosemary@coj.net](mailto:rosemary@coj.net)



## Meeting Summary Monday, May 5, 2014

### Members

Arnold, Ruth – 02<sup>nd</sup> Mile Ministries

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

DeVall, Gloria – Preservation SOS

Harris, Darcel – Mother Midway AME

Merrick, Dorothy – Plaza Condominiums

Partlow, Levoyus – Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.

Radlinski, Greg – Parks at the Cathedral HOA

Redmon, Michael – Parks at the Cathedral HOA

Vanderlaan, Doug – SPAR Council

### Excused –

Hamilton, Victoria – St. John's Lutheran Church

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

Parrish, Christina – SAMBA

Swain, Deloris – Grand Boulevard Crime Watch

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### Guests

Tappanni, Michelle

Whisler, Terry

Colbert, Daphne – COJ

Rigdon, Tracy

Rogers, Hank

Holman, William – Hester Group

### Staff/Resource

Barth, Michelle – Mayor's Liaison

Logsdon, Kenny – HCDD

Ricks, Lt. Jimmy – JSO

Wesolowski, Rosemary -HCDD

Foster, Jeff – Public Works

Ransom, Lisa – Planning

Hartley, Mark – JaxParks

Green, Jim - FDOT

### Call to Order

Chair DeVall called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.; it was established that a quorum was present and welcomed everyone.

### Approval of the Minutes

*Member Radlinski made a Motion to accept the minutes as presented from the April 2014 meeting and a second was made by Member Merrick. The motion passed unanimously.*

### Guest Speakers:

**Dawn Gilman, Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition of Northeast Florida**, informed the group about Emergency Services & Homeless Coalition of Northeast Florida (ESCH) and housing for the homeless they.

ESHG was formed in 1978 by a group of concerned and engaged social services agencies and downtown religious leaders. ESHG became the designated Lead Agency for Duval, Clay and Nassau Counties and incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in 2000. There are 27 Lead Agencies in Florida; some are government agencies and some are non-profit

organizations. ESHC is a little different because they do not provide services, but partner with many different agencies and the services are provided through these agencies. Most of ESHC funding is a variety of grants. The largest grant that ESHC is awarded is a Continuum of Care Grant for \$5.1 million. The grants currently funds 23 projects over the 3 counties (Duval, Clay and Nassau). ESHC also works very closely with the VA.

Because their funding is grant based, there are a number of HUD requirements that they must adhere to. One of those requirements is called Point-In-Time.

Point in time - HUD requires lead agencies to count the number of people experiencing homelessness in the geographic area that they serve through the Point-in-Time count (PIT). Conducted by most lead agencies during a mandated time period of the last 10 days in January, the PIT count includes people served in shelter programs every year, with every other year also including people who are unsheltered. In 2013, lead agencies were required to count people who are unsheltered.

The HUD PIT count is the main data source used for measuring progress in meeting goals and collecting important data on the general homeless population and subpopulations of homeless persons, including Veterans, families, chronically homeless individuals, and youth. The unsheltered count provides the best biennial snapshot of where progress is being made and where redoubling of effort is required, both geographically and for different subpopulations. This data also provides the opportunity for lead agencies to amplify the information they gather with more in-depth surveys of individuals using tools like the Vulnerability Index and partnerships with a 100,000 Homes Campaign if they are part of a campaign community. This coordinated data collection event also provides communities with the opportunity to go beyond a count, working with outreach teams, health care, and service providers to make this night an opportunity for those experiencing homelessness to get connected to housing and vital services.

Lead agencies are also required to conduct Housing Inventory Count (HIC) Reports. The HIC Reports are a snapshot of the housing inventory available (number of beds and units) on a single night that are dedicated to serve persons who are homeless. The HIC also includes information about unmet need.

The next goal for the Lead agency is to get individuals and families in homes. This is currently being accomplished by Housing First. Housing First is an approach to ending homelessness that centers on providing people experiencing homelessness with housing as quickly as possible – and then providing services as needed. This approach has the benefit of being consistent with what most people experiencing homelessness want and seek help to achieve.

Housing First programs share critical elements:

- \* A focus on helping individuals and families access and sustain permanent rental housing as quickly as possible without time limits;
- \* A variety of services delivered to promote housing stability and individual well-being on an as-needed basis; and
- \* A standard lease agreement to housing – as opposed to mandated therapy or services compliance.

While all Housing First programs share these critical elements, program models vary significantly depending upon the population served. For people who have experienced chronic homelessness, there is an expectation that intensive (and often specialized) services will be needed indefinitely.

For most people experiencing homelessness, however, such intensive services are not necessary. The vast majority of homeless individuals and families fall into homelessness after a

housing or personal crisis that led them to seek help from the homeless assistance system. For these families and individuals, the Housing First approach is ideal, as it provides them with assistance to find permanent housing quickly and without conditions. In turn, such clients of the homeless assistance networks need surprisingly little support or assistance to achieve independence, saving the system considerable costs.

To date there has been a success rate of 85% of individuals or families being housed for at least 1 year.

For more information you can visit ESHC website at [www.ESHNET.com](http://www.ESHNET.com)

### **Elected Officials Reports** –

None

### **Staff Reports:**

**JSO Zone 1** – not present

For assistance and information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or

[JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org)

**Mayor's Representative** – Ms. Shehee Williams – not present

### **Mayor's Liaison – Michelle Barth**

Brought and distributed copies of Mayor Brown's e-newsletter. This will be a monthly publication. Ms. Barth explained the layout and encouraged everyone to visit the COJ website monthly to read the latest edition. The topics included in this May edition are: One Spark, Urban Blight, GradNation Community Summit, the Rededication of the Vietnam War Monument at the Veterans Memorial Area, the new Transparency Webpage and the announcement of a new Jacksonville Sports Council. Ms. Barth reminded the group that the Mayor Brown had a great meeting with the CPAC Chairs and that he has plans to work with the CPAC's and help educate the community about CPAC's and their goals/purpose. Ms. Barth did acknowledge that the Mayor is aware of the concerns that the CPAC's have with the Task Force on Consolidated Government.

There were a couple of compliments to Ms. Barth on the Tire and Snipe Sign buy back. There was also a request to a Hazardous Waste Collection brought to East Jacksonville.

**Duval County Public Schools** – not present

**Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Jim Green passed out a copy of the North Florida TPO Fiscal Years 2014/15 – 2018/19 Urban Core CPAC FDOT Projects Draft. All the Urban Core projects were highlighted and ranged from street resurfacing, street re-stripping and a couple of bridge project.

Several concerns were brought to Mr. Green's attention: it was noted that the NFTPO needs to make sure that funding for projects are in their plans to make improvements in the Urban Core district to include pedestrian and cyclist accommodations and safety. Also, it was reported that the light at Tallulah and main Street cycles too fast for pedestrians to cross. There was an inquiry if Main Street will be turned into a 2 way street between State and Union Streets? Mr. Green stated yes, that is part of the resurfacing project; there will be 1 lane north and 2 lanes south.

**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** – Planner Lisa Ransom, stated there are two new re-zoning applications that will be heard next Thursday (May 15, 2014). There applications were MM-14-13 at the Five Point Theater Building (parking lot) and a PUD to a PUD at 500 Bishop Gate Lane to

build an upscale condo development ~ multi story with 80 units. The LUZ applications were distributed to all in attendance.

No motions were made or actions taken on either application.

**Ms. Ransom can be reached at 255-7834 or [lransom@coj.net](mailto:lransom@coj.net)**

**Project New Ground** – Bill Holmon, Hester Group informed the group that at the Brown Dump 211 parcels have been remediated and 26 parcels remain. At 5<sup>th</sup> & Cleveland “OU1” 261 parcels have been remediated and 542 parcels are remaining. At 5<sup>th</sup> & Cleveland “OU2” 211 parcels have been remediated and 142 still need remediation. Also in “OU2” at total of 71 are done. At Forest Street 338 parcels have been remediated and 231 still need remediation. These figures are from the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report of 2014.

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

**Parks & Recreation** – Mr. Hartley was in attendance, but left before his presentation. Member Vanderlann requested that Rosemary Wesolowski ask Mr. Hartley to provide an update on 3 issues next month: 1. There are light broken in Confederate Park; on of which should be illuminating a statue; what is the status of the replacement lights? 2. Need an update on the “Do Not Feed the Ducks” sign and 3. An update on when the date palm will be replaced on the island?

**Mr. Hartley can be reached at 472-2865 or [mhartley@coj.net](mailto:mhartley@coj.net)**

**Jacksonville Public Library** – not present

**Public Works** – Jeff Foster, Chief of Solid Waste introduced himself to the CPAC and informed them that he will be attending the meeting on a quarterly basis. Mr. Foster stated that he is familiar with solid waste, over the Ash remediation program, oversee all the Public Works contaminated sites, is on the Urban Blight Task Force and the new mowing division.

In Solid Waste, COJ is in the process of modernizing all the waste collection vehicles; moving from gasoline powered to natural gas powered. COJ will also convert to the automated trash collection truck and will be distributing the new large trash and recycle bins (trash cans). There are recycling goals of 75% of the collections to be recycling by the year 2020. With our current system we are currently recycling approximately at 50%. There was an ordinance passed by Councilmember Crescimbeni that limits the colors that can be used. Currently, COJ is limited to having grey or brown as the colors of bins.

An RFP for the new bins has gone out. There will be public/community meetings to educate everyone on the new process and how the new system will work. It is the goal of the Public Works Department to have this new trash collection system in place by October 2014. Once the color is selected and the new bins will be delivered to each home approximately 2 months prior to the start of the new system. The new bins will cost approximately \$57/bin and will be quite an expense; almost \$5 million. The COJ system will be using the rear side load system. Each home will be provided with 1 trash and 1 recycle bin; the bins will have a computer chip imbedded and then they will be assigned to a house.

There is also an additional bonus with the city moving to the natural gas/ automated collection system. The city has 2 closed landfills, the city is required to maintain them. Both of the landfills are over 20 years old and they will be converting them into compressed natural gas plants and running the new natural gas trash trucks off the natural gas that comes off the methane that is produced at the landfills. This cut the fuel costs from \$3.00 a gallon to approximately .40 per gallon; this would be a tremendous savings to the city.

Mr. Foster also informed the group that the public comments from the feasibility study in regard to the remediation of Confederate Park have been sent to the EDP. They will be making a recommendation of the types of remediation they will be willing to accept. Then they will go into negotiations with the other parties involved. There are 3 parties involved in the law suit that was filed. Those parties are Continental Holdings, Jacksonville Gas Works – HT Thompson and the Park View Inn reps. After this is completed than they will move into the RFP process. Mr. Foster recognized that this will be long and messy process. In regard to the historical aspects of the project; Mr. Foster confirmed that by law they are required to put everything back in the manner in which they found it. He also stated that they have gone after grants that will help will historical enhancements.

Mr. Foster also informed the group that the City of Jacksonville offers 6 Household Hazardous Wastes collections per year. There is one more scheduled for this year. The Blight Committee will be proposing to add 4 more household hazardous waste collections.

Lastly, Mr. Foster stated that the tire buy back was a big success. There were 23,958 tires and 1.45 tons of signs and paid out \$41,000.75 in reward money, it cost \$136,000 to run the program with 120 people working on the project. Public Works has put money in their budget to do it again.

#### **Neighborhoods –**

**Code Compliance** – Devron Cody – unable to attend due to an accident in his division.

**Code Compliance can be reached at 255-7000.**

**Neighborhoods – Housing and Community Development Division** – Neighborhood Coordinator Stated that historically Urban Core has not had a July meeting, do you want to continue not meeting in July or do you want a July meeting? It was determined that the group would like to meet in July.

**Ms. Wesolowski can be reached at 255-8261 or [rosemary@coj.net](mailto:rosemary@coj.net)**

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

- Chair DeVall informed the group that she has requested information about crimes/shootings that have occurred in the Urban Core. Chair DeVall shared with the group some details about a double shooting that occurred at West 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Durkeeville; it was reported that no one involved in this crime lived in Durkeeville. Two weeks prior there was another shooting a couple blocks away. Chair DeVall inquired if Durkeeville was active in ShAdCo; it could not be confirmed. Chair DeVall stated that at the next meeting she would like to have a report from JSO about Durkeeville and in the Urban Core District. There was a request to have the agenda on line ahead of the meeting. Chair DeVall introduced Kim Pryor as the new alternate for Preservation SOS.

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

- **Preservation** – Chair DeVall ~ no report
- **Transportation** – no report
- **Parks** – Greg Radlinski - no report
- **TRUE Commission** – Greg Radlinski – no report

#### **Unfinished Business:**

#### **New Business:**

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

Terry Whisler provided a handout and discussed 99% Solutions: A Proposal to Preserve our Neighborhoods and Sustainability Program Development. Over 70,000 homes in Jacksonville are foreclosed properties. There are programs to secure the homes for safety, but not for structural damage to homes. In essence, the city is losing its affordable housing stock due to decay; the decay is due to the fact that the homes have not been secured from water infiltration through leaking roofs. It was recommended that the City of Jacksonville should partner with an existing non-profit corporation to secure the City's stock of vacant housing. Mr. Whisler stated that City ordinances require homeowners (privately owned, bank owned or city owned) must maintain a "roof, walls and foundation". There needs to be a means to communicate with the property owners, planning, bidding and staging multiple construction efforts; Mr. Whisler stated that he felt strongly that many homes can be saved. Mr. Whisler provided his contact information for those that are interested in this topic.

The CPAC recommended that Mr. Whisler go talk to the Blight Committee.

### **Adjournment**

*Member Radlinski made a Motion to adjourn and was Member Arnold seconded.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.*

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on  
**Monday, June 2, 2014** at 5:30 p.m.,  
at the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Training Room