

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

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

Chairperson: Rex Williams 401-8138 rexwilliams2006@hotmail.com

Vice Chairperson: Louvenia Tippins 355-8841

Mayor's Representative: Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636 cshehe@coj.net

Neighborhood Coordinator: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer 255-8236 mfharmer@coj.net



Meeting Summary Monday, Jan. 5, 2009

Members

Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chair

Dr. Janetta Norman, Charter Member

Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.

Ashley Strickland, Mal Washington Kids

Michael Hartman, The Parks at the Cathedral

Betty Chance, Planet Watch

Geraldine Walker, 12th Street Loyalty

Beverly Toney, Fresh Ministries

Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard

Paul Tutwiler, NWJ CDC

Eula Canty, Planet Watch

Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR Council

Excused

Chairman Williams, Ruth Arnold, Yvonne Lane, Deloris Swain, Floree Johnson-McPherson

Guests

Cherie Peck, NWJ CDC

Levoyus Partlow, M.A.N.I.A.

George Birnbaum, CW 17 Cable 9 TV Station

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison

Milton Locklear, FDOT

Shorty Robbins, DRCS

Marvin Deaton, COJ – 630-CITY

Jeff Beck, Chief of ROW Grounds and Maintenance

Emery Nauden, Planning

Carolyn Broughton, COJ, Public Information

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Tippins called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. in Training Room 110, Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St. and welcomed everyone.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Swain made a made a Motion to accept the minutes from the November 3, 2008 meeting. A second was made by Member Walker. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Guest Speakers

- Digital TV Presentation - Carolyn Broughton, Public Information Administrator/Cable Franchise Mgr. introduced George Birnbaum, Operations Manager for WCWJ TV/DT –The CW 17 Cable 9 – the Frog Station, who discussed the switch to digital TV. . If someone needs assistance in accessing the coupons please call 630-CITY. Mr. Birnbaum explained that the digital transition has been occurring for the last 6 years but on Feb. 17 the analog viewing will be turned off forever. They do not want to lose viewers. The government is giving away two coupons per household address for \$40 each for a converter box. Converter boxes can range from \$50 to \$70 and can be purchased at many retail shops. However; the program has run out of money and there is now a waiting list for the \$40 coupon. The coupon had an expiration date on them and many were not used by the date. He showed members the box which comes with a remote control. It will have a quality picture and more channels. Members had numerous questions on the different channels, if it will work with battery operated TVs when the power is out. No it won't and neither will the small battery TVs. They asked if there were

digital antennae's – yes but try your current antennae first. Carolyn Broughton can be reached at 630-4966 or carolynb@coj.net George Birnbaum can be reached at 465-7600 or gbirnbaaum@myCW17.com

- “Light Pole Banners” Jeff Beck, Chief of Right-of-Way Grounds and Maintenance talked about the light pole banner arms. They first had to decide who the responsible party was. In the past it was Traffic Engineering, JEA and now it's his Division Right-of-Way Grounds and Maintenance. They work with the Special Events Division that hangs the banners. They decided to take the lower arm off the pole. This will give them inventory to repair or fix other broken arms. Members had numerous questions for Mr. Beck on the following: Member Vanderlaan thanked Mr. Beck for coming to the meeting. He wanted to know when the banner arms in Springfield would be addressed. He explained that as a tax payer he wanted to know how much money was spent on maintenance and now removing the banner arms. Mr. Beck said that in the next 30 days they plan to get to take down the lower banner arms and he did not know the cost. Member Vanderlaan wanted to know if the banner arms were defective in design and shouldn't be falling apart. Shouldn't the manufacturer take responsibility for this by covering the cost of the repairs with a warranty? He also wanted to know if they would be addressed in 6 months to see if the new hanging procedure for the banners worked and looked good. Mr. Beck explained that it was not so much defective but the opportunity for vandals pulling on the banners lower arms and they are hit by trucks. Other members had questions on if other light poles could have banners. Mr. Beck suggested they call Special Events to see where the banners could be placed. JEA will not let you put banners on concrete poles.
 - In Confederate park there are 15 to 20 drums near Orange Street (dead ends Ocean and Noonan St.) that showed up a few years ago to do ground sampling that need to be removed. Mr. Beck will check on this.
 - Member Swain reported that there was a water leak/cave in his neighborhood that has been left open for over a month. Mr. Beck would send JEA an e-mail.
 - Member Miller reported that a car had hit some new trees that were planted on the city right-of-way at 1446 Myrtle Ave. and 15th Street. They have reported in CARE almost 6 months ago but are still waiting for something to be done. Mr. Beck will tell the Urban Forester to have 3 Crepe Myrtles replaced at 1469 N. Myrtle Ave.
 - The front entrance lights at J. P. Smalls Park are out. It has been reported to JEA but they do not do park lights. It is very dark around the park the light bulbs need to be replaced. Mr. Beck will call Public Works to help them with this.

Jeff Beck can be reached at 996-2898 or beck@coj.net

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) - not present. For information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org

Mayor's Representative – Carolyn Shehee-Williams had no report but can be reached at 630-1994 or CSHEHEE@coj.net

Mayor's Office – Project New Ground – Members want to be sure that there would be someone from Project New Ground at the CPAC meetings. Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported that there would be a representative from Project New Ground and the consultant firm The Hester Group at future meetings to answer questions.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Milton Locklear addressed the CPAC asking for their input on his report and attendance at the meeting. The UC has the least amount of FDOT projects and he wants to do a better job of reporting. Members thanked Milton for coming each month and being so helpful and conscientious. Members hope that he will be able to continue coming each month and if not every month every other month. Milton presented his report:

FDOT - The following programs over the next 4 years with the cut backs will be:

- I-10/I-95 is expected to be finished in 2011
- The Hart Bridge painting project will begin soon
- The 8th Street ramp will be done by 2010 to 2011

Members asked about the Main Street project and the lack of bike lanes. Some members were confused with the location and asked for a map. Milton will bring this next month. He will also look into the project and report back next month. Members asked about the Hart Bridge painting. In the past there was a tremendous problem and cars were painted by spraying mistakes. Members wanted to know if the crossing light at 8th Street and I-95 could be adjusted. The pedestrian signals need to be adjusted. Milton will check on this. They also wanted to know about the JTA HUB at Gateway and the work from Lem Turner to Gateway Mall. He will also check on this and report back next month. *Milton Locklear* can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

Planning and Development – Emery Nauden had no report but explained that the EAR (Evaluation and Appraisal Report that state law requires the City of Jacksonville to review and evaluate its Comprehensive Plan) schedule is now available for the State to review. If you have any questions on the EAR you can contact Kristen Reed at (904) 630-2137 or CommunityPlanning@coj.net Planner Nauden can be reached at 630-0258 or enauden@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance – not present. Municipal Code Compliance can be reached at 391-3600 or psafety@coj.net

Department of Health – not present. Members would like information on asthma in the Urban Core. Marilyn will ask Jocelyn for assistance with this. Jocelyn Turner, Director of Community Relations & Health can be reached at 253-2037 or Jocelyn_Turner@doh.state.fl.us

Recreation and Community Services – Shorty Robbins passed out brochures on the Winter Activities Guide for 2008-09. She asked if anyone has any surveys that need to be turned in from the November meeting. The surveys can be turned in at a library or give them to Marilyn. She passed out the Draft of the New Park Rules. The rules were updated in 2005 and over time working with JSO and the enforcement of the rules found ways to improve them. If someone has comments on the rules please e-mail them to Kelley Boree at kboree@coj.net before this goes before City Council. Members asked numerous questions on if the new rules addressed feeding animals. Yes. There were also questions on community centers like Joe James that were not staffed and are in the Jacksonville Journey program. Request for Proposals (RFPs) were still out and due back in on Jan. 14. The money is allocated for renovating the center and then the partner would run a program for children after school. The \$100,000 does not include programming dollars. Member Hartman reminded Ms. Robbins that he requested that the Recreation Department check into funding for refurbishing Hogan's/Deer Creek for future parks. He wanted to be sure that he is included in on the process. Shorty Robbins can be reached at 630-3570 or shortyr@coj.net Kelley Boree can be reached at 630-0142 or kboree@coj.net

HAND – Community Development Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following:

- The Housing Services Division is sponsoring classes on: **Facing Foreclosure?** Call 630-CITY to get help.
- The Community Development Block Grant Application for 2009-2010 is due on Friday, Jan. 16, 2009.
- Jacksonville Area legal Aid Northside "Project House-Hold" can be reached at 390-4019
- The **Jacksonville Journey** Oversight Committee's regularly scheduled meetings will be at 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the City Council Chambers, The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 15, 2009 4 p.m. 117 W. Duval St., City Hall, City Council Chambers
- JaxParks presents...A MLK holiday Dance @ Kennedy Ctr., **Friday, January 09, 2009** 6pm - 9:30 pm, 1133 Ionia St. Come celebrate MLK Day with us!! Come dance to the latest songs, learn the latest

dance moves, and have a great time with all of your friends! This is a free event. Free refreshments will be provided. For more info call 904 630-4100

- Martin Luther King Day Parade and Celebration - **Monday, January 19, 2009** Parade starts at 10 a.m. and Celebration at Metropolitan Park 12:30 - 5 p.m. For complete information on Martin Luther King Day activities happening in January, visit www.mlkfdn.com.
- Senior Citizens Legislative Forum – Wednesday, January 21, 2009, Location TBD. Hear concerns regarding issues pertinent to seniors addressed by legislators. For more information, call 630-7392.
- Mardi Gras Dance - Friday, February 06, 2009 at 6:00 - 9:30pm - Emmett Reed Center 1093 W.6th St. It's Mardi Gras time and we've got hats, beads, and horns for everyone! Come party New Orleans style, at our annual Mardi Gras Dance. Free refreshments. This is a free event. For info call 630-4100.

Phone Numbers/Info City Link - where to go when you need to know 630-CITY (630-2489)

- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. City Council Chambers, 117 W. Duval St. 32202, For information call 630-1377
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., First Floor Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207, For info call 390-2000
- ShAdCo (Sheriff's Advisory Council) Zone 1 call 924-5361 at Gateway Shopping Mall – Zone 4 call 573-3165 at Cedar Hills Shopping Center - Zone 5 call 384-8028 at 1024 Superior Street
- Police Non-Emergency 630-0500 Neighborhood Watch 630-2160
- First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. For info call 924-1710

| Regular City Council Meeting Schedule City Hall at St. James, 117 W. Duval St. – For info call 630-1377 | | |
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| Meeting | Day | Time |
| City Council | 2nd & 4th Tuesday | 5:00 p.m. |
| Rules Committee | 1st & 3rd Monday | 10:00 a.m. |
| Finance Committee | 1st & 3rd Monday | 2:00 p.m. |
| PHS Committee | 1st & 3rd Monday | 4:00 p.m. |
| TEU Committee | 1st & 3rd Tuesday | 10:00 a.m. |
| RCD Committee | 1st & 3rd Tuesday | 2:00 p.m. |
| LUZ Committee | 1st & 3rd Tuesday | 5:00 p.m. |

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer can be reached at 255-8236 or Mfharmer@coj.net

Vice Chairperson's Report

- Vice Chairperson Tippins reported that the American Cancer Society will be holding the Northside Relay for Life on Friday, April 17 at First Coast High School at 6 p.m.. If members would like to start a CPAC team please let her know.

Subcommittees

- Community Safety and Security – no report.
- Hospitality & Beautification - Member Walker reported that refreshments would begin again in February due to the new location and Member Johnson-McPherson out of town. There is a positive – no donations for refreshments were asked for.
- Land Use, Planning and Zoning & Environment – Member Hartman wanted to be sure that Hogan's Creek and Deer Creek are not forgotten if there is money available. There was a planning study done years ago but it was never funded. He has been attending the Urban Core Visioning meetings. At the last one in Dec. they passed out a Draft with recommendations. He would like for members to see it. Marilyn will get a copy of page 73 and e-mail it to members and bring it to the February meeting.
- Membership – no report.
- Public Works and Utilities - no report.
- Transportation – no report.
- Youth, Schools & Recreation – Member Vanderlaan reported that there is a new Dog Park in Springfield. It is a lot of fun and it is across from Confederate Park and the pond.

Announcements/Public Comments

- Members talked about the new meeting room location. Some would like to see it set up differently and others liked it the way it is. A suggestion of having a Sergeant-at-Arms Subcommittee was mentioned.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **February 2, 2009**
at 5 p.m. in Training Room 110 in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St.

Submitted by: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Coordinator - 255-8236/Mfharmer@coj.net