

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

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

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

Vice Chair: 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, November 2, 2009

Members

Rex Williams, Chairman

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

Betty Chance, Planet Watch

Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chair

Paul Tutwiler, NWJCDC

Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR Council

Excused - Floree Johnson McPherson, Dr. Janetta Norman Catherine Morton, Ruth Arnold, Ashley Strickland, Michael Hartman, Yvonne Lane, Janice Love,

Guests

Greg Radlinski, Parks at the Cathedral

John Trifiletti, ILRC-NEF

Rachonda Brover, NWJCDC

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

Greg Bruce, The Hester Group

David Crawley, URS Corporation

Shannon Nazworth, Ability Housing

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison

Milton Locklear, FDOT

Shorty Robbins, DRCS

LaCree Carswell, HAND - CDD

Elaine Mann, DCPS

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

JSO Zone 1 Officers Perkins and Pangelinan

Emery Nauden, Planning

Elaine Lancaster, Municipal Code

Kenny Logsdon, HAND - CDD

Jocelyn Turner, DOH

Call to Order

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street with a moment of silence and welcomed everyone.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Vanderlaan made a Motion to accept the minutes from the October 5, 2009 meeting. A second was made by Member Tutwiler. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Officer Perkins introduced Officer Pangelinan with Operation Safe Streets and reported on the following:

- Operation Safe Streets assigns officers to an area of violent crime to be an expert and use stakeholders in the area to find long term solutions.
- On Saturday, Nov. 14 at 11 a.m. there will be a community walk for outreach in the area to better serve the residents in the neighborhood. The walk will begin and end at the church on Davis Street.

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

Presentations

- On behalf of Mayor Peyton, Chief LaCree Carswell and Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer presented Chairperson Williams a framed certificate signed by Mayor Peyton and Director of the Housing and Neighborhoods Department Wight Greger. He also received a framed picture of Downtown Jacksonville.
- Certificates signed by Mayor Peyton and Director Greger were also presented to Vice Chair Louvenia Tippins and subcommittee leaders.
- Chairperson Williams thanked members and presented Certificates of Appreciation to all UC CPAC members and staff members in attendance

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 Consultant Greg Bruce reported on the following:

- They are getting really close to remediation. They hope it will be in mid-January.
- In mid-December the EPA will have two community meetings on Dec. 15 and 16 with locations TBA.
- The Community Outreach Center is open Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Once the remediation begins temporary housing will be available from 2 to 5 days depending on how long it will take to remediate the property.
- WorkSource is the provider for job opportunities for Contractors. Jerry Box is the contact and he can be reached at 798-+33+ ext 2204 just off Market Street.
- The first area for remediation will be Browns Dump in January. In February it will be 5th and Cleveland Street, March Forest Street and May Lonnie Miller.

Members had questions on the EPA, the Consent Decree and McPherson/Shell Park. The EPA meeting will discuss what will happen in the remediation process and what the City of Jacksonville is doing. Members also wanted to know if the Department of Health building at Shell Park will be demolished. They wanted to know the phone number to the PNG Center – 357-8077 and what is available. The community members were not notified of the Project New Ground Outreach Center being opened. They had asked for this in the past. They wanted to make sure everything was in place before the Grand Opening. Member Miller asked to have a PNG representative at her next meeting on Nov. 19.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Milton Locklear had no report but introduced Consultant David Crowley from URS on the I-95 Landscaping Project. Once the interchange is complete then the landscaping will take place. Craig Teal is the project manager and he can be reached at 1-800-749-2967 or Craig.Teal@dot.state.fl.us A PowerPoint presentation was presented and these are the highlights:

- The I-95 Interchange is the most prominent entrance into Jacksonville and thousands use this daily. This is themed as the "Gateway". They want to use landscaping that is easy to maintain, tolerant of harsh urban environments and native to Florida.
- The project will use native trees and shrubs, some ornamental grasses and wildflowers.
- The areas near billboards can not have vertical plantings and they hope to plant wildflowers there which will save on mowing and are more sustainable.
- The project is at 60% in the design phase. Bidding to the public and completion is expected by May 2011. There is still time for feedback.

Members would like to see the following:

- Aerators on the ponds that FDOT has installed for the stormwater runoff for the I-95 Interchange.
- A bike lane is still needed on North Main Street to be able to bike to the zoo.
- There is a breakdown of communication on who is to maintain the underpass at Myrtle Avenue and Bay Street. It continues to be a problem.

Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

Planning and Development – Emery Nauden reported on the following:

- Rezoning 2009-799 at 3315 N. Liberty Street. It is an overgrown lot right now and they want to rezone it to a diving school. It will go before the Planning Commission on Nov. 12.
- E -09- 54 with Silas E. Jones car wash in Springfield. This does not meet the overlay and the Planning Department will deny this. I

Planner Nauden can be reached at 630-0258 or enauden@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance – Zone 1 Supervisor Elaine Lancaster had no report but would speak with members on the MLK area after the meeting. Supervisor Lancaster can be reached at 255-7007. Property Safety can be reached at 255-7000 or psafety@coj.net

Recreation and Community Services – Shorty Robbins reported on the following:

- Art in the Park – Friday, Nov. 6 at the J.S. Johnson Center in Brooklyn and another one on Friday, Nov. 13 at the Balis Community Center in San Marco.
- The Intramural Sports League is up and running and will have the tournament Thanksgiving Week.
- There was a question about the Emerald Necklace in Klutho Park in Springfield along with Shell Park. Ms. Robbins will check with Daryl Joseph on this project and let the CPAC know. This will be a big project and the approval to redo the bathrooms and band stand are all in the big vision and are all coming together.
- The palm trees around J. P. Smalls Park need to be pruned. Ms. Robbins will meet with Public Works grounds maintenance and let them know.

Shorty Robbins can be reached at 630-3570 or shortyr@coj.net

Department of Health – Jocelyn Turner, Director of Community Relations & Health Promotion, reported on the following:

- The Department of Health is partnering with the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission on Place Matters about health in the community. The first set of meetings will be on Nov. 3 and 8 at the Charles “Boobie” Clark Park at 6 p.m. This will then be done again on Dec. 1 and 8 at Emmett Reed Community Center at 6 p.m. Please inform your neighbors since this is a real opportunity to get involved and make some changes.

Jocelyn Turner can be reached at 253-2037 or Jocelyn_Turner@doh.state.fl.us

DCPS (Duval County Public Schools) Chief Officer, High School Education (Cluster 3)

Elaine Mann spoke on the following:

- The first new high school in 20-years will be opening next school year. It is located at Baymeadows and 9 A. It is ahead of schedule.
- The Oncourse Program for grades will be available for parents to access their child's grades. They will need to get their password so that they may see grades and attendance.
- The Parent Link Phone service is now calling parents and saying which periods the child is missing for that particular day. This system can also be used to send out messages immediately – for example a bomb threat at a school, report cards, open house date and time etc.
- The Turn Around Schools now have a dedicated Director to assist them directly and this has helped greatly.

Members wanted to know what the working plans for Raines and Ribault High School and if the State were involved. Are there plans to close the schools? Currently there are no plans to close either school or to become a dedicated magnet. The State gives the District 4 options. By 2014 in every ethnic and all groups the students will be proficient and on target with the 80% norm referenced test. This year they need to be 72% better than the rest of country in reading and 74% in math. Members were concerned with the academic success at Raines and Ribault High Schools. They want to be sure that a representative from the Duval County School Board will continue to come to the meetings. Ms. Mann can be reached at manne@duvalschools.org

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

Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is an entitlement grant awarded to the City of Jacksonville through the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) (U.S. HUD) that is based on population, income, unemployment level and housing conditions. CDBG grants are used for a wide range of housing and community development activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development and improved community facilities and services, and must give "maximum feasible priority" to activities that will benefit low-and moderate-income persons or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. Funds may also be used to meet other community development needs that present a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community. For information on the 2010-2011 application please call 255-8241 or cdd@coj.net
- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department sponsors free Foreclosures Prevention workshops. To register, call 630-CITY (2489). The website Stay Home: Jacksonville Foreclosure Prevention is *designed as a resource to help connect you with the appropriate agencies for assistance. The City of Jacksonville does not directly provide counseling or legal assistance but will help put you in touch with someone who can help with your mortgage situation.*
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/default.htm>
- The Neighborhood Stabilization (NSP) Program, authorized by the [Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 \(HERA\)](#), will assist state and local governments in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed properties and increase the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households. For information on Jacksonville's economic stimulus efforts, please send an e-mail to stimulus@coj.net or 630-CITY

Project New Ground is eager to answer your questions. Please contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY

<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Project+New+Ground/About.htm>

The Community Outreach Center is now open at 1605-8 Myrtle Ave. in the Oaks at Durkeeville Tuesday to Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have any specific questions about how ash on your property may affect your health, please contact the Duval County Health Department at (904) 253-1000. You may also visit the Web site, <http://www.dchd.net>

Jacksonville Journey: The next Journey meeting will be Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 4 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor, 32202. For information call Tina Rehmel (904) 630-1273 or <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey>.

Parks **ARTS ON THE GO** @ J. S. JOHNSON PARK – Friday, **November 06**, 2009 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at 1112 Jackson St. Release your artistic talent and come draw, paint, and make take-home crafts with this free art class. Art instructors will be on hand to assist. For more information call 630-4100. Contact: For more info call 630-4100.

- **ARTS ON THE GO** @ BALIS COMMUNITY CENTER – Friday, **November 13**, 2009 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at 1516 LaSalle St. Release your artistic talent and come draw, paint, and make take-home crafts or take a spin on the pottery wheel with this free art class. Art instructors will be on hand to assist. For info call 630-4100
- **Arboretum Anniversary Celebration** - Saturday, November 14, 2009 at 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 1445 Millcoie Rd. Music, kids activities, guided nature tours, Florida-friendly plant sale, environmental information booths, vendors, and food.

Schools - Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.org REPORT A TRUANT by calling **390-2093** or making an online report at <http://www.duvalschools.org> and for other info "Save Duval Schools" – www.saveduvalschools.org

Seniors – **MOB Meeting** (Mayor's Older Buddies) will be on Tuesday, **November 10** at 10:30 a.m. at Metropolitan Park.

- Mayor's **Holiday Festival** for Senior Citizens will be on Saturday, **December 5**, 2009 from 2-5 p.m. at Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water Street. Celebrate the holidays in style! Join us for dancing, dining and entertainment at the Mayor's Holiday Festival. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 630-3690.

New Animal Care and Protective Services 40,000 square-foot shelter is now open at 2020 Forest St. to adopt animals.

Library – To learn about classes and events at the library please visit www.jpl.coj.net or www.coj.net

Downtown Events – For a listing of events happening in downtown Jacksonville, pick up a calendar of events at the City of Jacksonville Office of Special Events, 117 W. Duval St., Ste. 280, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, at [Downtown Vision, Inc.](#) and area kiosks, the [Visit Jacksonville](#) office and welcome centers along with various downtown hotels, restaurants and businesses. Also, visit www.experiencejax.com for your one-stop resource for events throughout Jacksonville. First Wednesday Art Walk – Nov. 4, 2009 **Theme: Salute to United States Military**

Riverside Arts Market – **Every Saturday** from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville. Shop locally! Support your local market and keep your dollars in the community. Choose home-grown and hand-made items.

Department of Health: H1N1 Swine Flu Preparedness - For public health information and updates on H1N1 Swine flu call 877-352-3581 from 8 am to 8 pm, 7 days a week. Information is available in English, Spanish and Creole. As of Oct. 20 a total of 12 laboratories confirmed H1N1 Swine Flu deaths have been reported in Duval County. While most cases of H1N1 Swine Flu are mild, there are exceptions. Pre-existing health conditions often play a role in how individuals react to the flu. To-date, there have been 121 laboratory confirmed H1N1 Swine Flu deaths in Florida. For more information visit www.myflusafety.com

Community Dialogues: Place Matters, Tuesday, November 03, 2009 6 p.m. at Charles Clark Center, 8793 Sibbald Rd. This is session one of a two-session event. The second session is set for Nov. 10, 2009. Contact: (904) 630-4620 or December 1 and 8 at 6 p.m. at Emmett Reed Center, 1093 West 6th Street (Refreshments and child care available)

JEA JEA's Customer Care Center hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. JEA's Customer Care Centers, including our business office located downtown, offer full service assistance to our customers, including bill payment, turn on, turn off and transferring service. Beginning October 1, 2009, a two dollar Branch Fee will be charged on your next bill for payments, payment extensions, and payment arrangements made at JEA Customer Care Centers. All other branch services are fee free. To avoid the fee, you may choose to make your payment, payment extension or arrangement using one of these options. All payments made are immediately credited to your account: By phone on our automated phone system at (904) 665-6000

FDOT - FEC to establish **quiet zones** meeting **Tuesday, November 03**, 2009 at 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at FDOT District Two Urban Office 2198 Edison Avenue: Purpose: The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) will be holding a series of public meetings in early November to discuss the rescission of Emergency Order 15 (EO-15), which will allow communities along the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) to establish quiet zones. EO-15 barred public authorities in Florida from enacting bans on train horns at highway-rail grade crossings along the FEC right-of-way. After the issuance of FRA's Final Rule on the Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings, EO-15 remained in effect while FRA determined how best to address the establishment of quiet zones along the FEC while taking into account the extremely high risk of collisions associated with not sounding the horn on this corridor. On September 9, 2009, FRA published in the Federal Register the revised Final Rule outlining the excess risk estimate for the corridor. This new risk estimate can be used by Florida communities along the FEC to establish quiet zones as other communities Nationwide are able to do. For info contact Ron Ries at (202) 493-6285 or ronald.ries@dot.gov and Gina Busscher at 800-749-2967 or gina.busscher@dot.state.fl.us

Special Events:

- The City of Jacksonville is proud to present the **2009 Week of Valor**. The week will begin with the arrival of the Blue Angels on Wednesday, **November 4**, and conclude with the **Veterans Day Parade on Wednesday, November 11**. The Week of Valor will highlight the Sea and Sky Spectacular and Veterans Day Parade as well as potential Navy ship tours, patriotic-themed concerts, live radio and/or television broadcasts, visits to Duval County schools and area hospitals, featured assets from military branches, military movies and more. **Hang your flag with pride! Don your favorite RED, WHITE and BLUE attire!** During the 2009 Week of Valor, we encourage you...no, we challenge you to show your American pride. Wear your favorite patriotic colors, raise your American Flag high and show the nation how Jacksonville honors and celebrates our heroes.
- World Congress **on Disabilities Expo**, Thursday, **November 19**, 2009 through Friday, **November 20**, All Day at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. The WCD Expo is dedicated to improving the lives of those with developmental and physical disabilities, their families and professionals who work with them. <http://wcdexpo.com/>

Phone Numbers – City Link - where to go when you need to know 630-CITY (630-2489) www.coj.net

*Please have the exact address and get a tracking number and estimated date of completion.

- ShAdCo (Sheriff's Advisory Council) Zone 1 call 924-5361 at Gateway Shopping Center
- 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
- JTA –For customer service call 630-3100 or www.jtafla.com
- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall, 117 W. Duval St. [32201] For info 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
- Duval Extension Office is located at 1010 N. McDuff Ave or for more info call 387-8850
- **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 or www.employflorida.com or www.worksourcefl.com or 356-JOBS (5627)

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

2010 Elections

The Slate of Officers that were presented at the Oct. 5, 2009 meeting was: Chair: Geraldine Walker and Vice Chair: Rex Williams. On Oct. 8th Member Walker declined the nomination. Nominations were accepted from the floor for the position of Chairperson: Member Vanderlaan nominated himself for the Chair. The Vote: All in Favor; none opposed. (5 -0)

The Slate of Officers for the Vice Chair is Rex Williams.

Nominations were accepted from the floor for the position of Vice Chair. There being none. The nominations were closed. The Vote: All in Favor; none opposed. (5 -0)

Officers for 2010 are: Chair: Doug Vanderlaan and Vice Chair: Rex Williams

Chairperson's Report

- Chairman Williams thanked everyone for supporting him the last couple of years. The membership has slipped in the last 6 months and he hopes that membership can pick up next year with a more involved voice and larger membership.
- He wished everyone a fun and safe Holiday Season and with the flu season try to stay healthy.
- He also thanked Vice Chair Tippins for her support.

Announcements/ Public Comments

- Shannon Nazworth from Ability Housing talked about the multi family property that is boarded up and abounded off of East 21st Street at 3127 Phoenix Avenue. The property's owner has gone bankrupt and with NSP dollars (Neighborhood Stabilization Program) are in the process of trying to get the NSP funding. It has been vacant so long it lost its zoning. They have also met with the East 21st Street Neighborhood Association. They want to revitalize the units for affordable housing units. They will have a gable roof line and new siding. There are 52 units. Pictures were passed around of tentative designs.
- Northwest Jacksonville CDC will host a Fair on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North Point where Myrtle and Moncrief come together that will include WorkSource and other vendors. They will also be giving away Thanksgiving baskets.
- ILR (Independent Living Resources) is located at 2709 Art Museum Drive and would like to get a ½ million dollars in stimulus dollars to relocate the center to North Main and 3rd Street. The building is in bad shape with wiring stripped out of the building. It would be a complete rehab that would include a building being leveled to accommodate parking. The housing would be for low income and disabled members of the community. The Team is writing a grant for EWC and will have an announcement in January. There will be a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19 at John E. Ford Elementary School from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more information call John Trifiletti at 389-8484 or info@cilj.com and www.cilj.com

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The UC CPAC will not meet in December.

The next Urban CPAC meeting is on Monday, **January 4, 2010**
at 5 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

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