

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

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

Chair: Doug Vanderlaan 923-5179 dougcpac@comcast.net

Vice Chair: Louvenia Tippins

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 7, 2011

Members

Doug Vanderlaan, Chair	Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chair
Gerre Walker, 12 th Street Loyalty	Catherine Morton, 12 th Street Loyalty
Yvonne Lane, Bride the Gap	Ricky Anderson, Eastside Neighborhood
Michelle Hughes, FreshMinistries	Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.
Levoyus Partlow, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.	Deloris & Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard
Greg Radlinski, The Parks at the Cathedral	Erica Trent, Pathways Charter High School
Gloria DeVall, Preservation SOS	Susan Noonan, Springfield Women's Club

Excused - Christina Parrish, William & Victoria Hamilton, Amanda Searle

Guests

Sheriff John Rutherford	Marvin Dunbar, The Hester Group
ECA for Council Member Lumb, Group 5 At-Large Donna Barrow	
Eric Walters	Debra Tinsley
Fran Downing	Jenna Emmons, Ability Housing
Dianne Spencer, Metro Gardens	Evie Welch
Dimitri Demopoulos	

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison	JSO Zone 1 – Lt. C. Smith
Jim Green, FDOT	Jonathan Bishop, DCPS
Emery Nauden, Planning	Nelson Beard, Municipal Code
Pam Roman, Recreation	Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - NIT

Call to Order

Chairman Vanderlaan called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street and welcomed everyone.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Noonan made a made a Motion to accept the minutes from the October 3, 2011 meeting. A second was made by Member DeVall. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Guest Speaker

Sheriff John Rutherford – stated he was glad to be at the meeting to start a conversation on homelessness all over Duval County. He said vision without action is daydreaming and action without vision is chaotic. The city has been doing the same thing for 20 years and it's time to redefine the problem of homelessness. There are three groups:

1. There are people that are house less. They are the ones that advocates talk about with homelessness. They want a job, a home and they value these things. That is what Clara White and the Sulzbacher Center are about.

2. The chronic homeless - they are the ones that don't want the things the majority of people value. They don't want to stay in the shelters but will eat there. They are the ones that live in the woods at night and go to the bathroom on the streets and in the fountains. They ask people for money. They are the ones that want to drink and do drugs. The Sheriff's office picks them up for violating the law and continues to put them in jail. The chronic homeless call this "3 hots and a cot." Some have been arrested over 100 times for misdemeanors. Once they are released from jail they are only 4 blocks from where they got picked up and the same thing happens all over again. Downtown is a target rich environment. There are some that have been in jail 169 times since May.
3. The mentally ill – they need professional help. They are different than the chronic homeless.

Sheriff Rutherford stated it was time to try something different. He suggested creating a facility to provide food and shelter far from downtown, may be in the woods about 12 miles away from downtown. He would like to have good resources to help convince the chronic homeless to change. He would like to create a Misdemeanor Release Facility. This way the chronic homeless would be offered help or they would have to walk back to downtown or go to another city. They need to stop destroying the quality of life in this community. We can't continue to do the same thing. The chronic homeless cannot continue to cycle through the jail like a revolving door either. He has spoken to the heads at the Sulzbacher Center and Clara White. He wants to begin the dialogue of building a Misdemeanor Release Facility.

Members had numerous questions and concern on the following: the cost of the facility, where it would be built, how long would someone be allowed to stay and would this be an undo penalty for the poor. It was mentioned that Chair Vanderlaan was strong armed by a panhandler. People that come downtown for the first time do not need to have a bad experience and never come back. Businesses need to thrive in the community as well. Some recommended sharing the problem throughout the city while others thought this would be unrealistic. Members mentioned the closing of Monroe Street and if a park would be built what would keep the chronic homeless away? It was also mentioned that the chronic homeless are well connected and Jacksonville is a destination to come to. Members thanked the Sheriff for doing something to address this issue. Members also asked if the centers are charging \$8 a night to stay there. No, they are free and this is a scam. They also mentioned mega churches helping by bringing the homeless to their churches and helping them there. Sheriff Rutherford stated that crime is down in the Urban Core. It is the safest it has been since 1983 with the raw numbers and the per capita numbers. We have added 375,000 people since then. Murder is the lowest in three decades. Things have changed since then:

1. ShAdCo (Sheriff's Advisory Council) has grown from 600 to 3000 members.
2. The community is working with JSO – tips are coming in through the ceiling. Jacksonville is no longer a "don't snitch community".

Chair Vanderlaan thanked Sheriff Rutherford for coming.

Member Radlinski moved that the Urban Core CPAC supports the Sheriff's initiative to create a Misdemeanor Release Facility outside the downtown area subject to further review.

The Motion was properly seconded by Member Swain. Discussion: Members talked about the issues of churches currently feeding the homeless downtown who cause other problems like garbage all over the streets and no bathroom facilities. They were also concerned on how they would differentiate the chronic homeless and mentally ill people. This population is vulnerable and how would they get the resources and health care that they need. There was also talk about moving them from downtown but people have rights. *The Vote: 8 aye and 4 no. The Motion carries. Chair Vanderlaan stated that the Motion will give the CPAC an opportunity to keep an eye on this as it develops.*

Executive Council Assistant for Council Member Lumb, At-large Group 5 Donna Barrow left information on the latest openings for Boards and Commissions as well as applications. She stated that Council Member Lumb has been appointed to a subcommittee on Hemming Plaza. Council Member Lumb can be reached at 630-1387 or rlumb@coj.net

Staff Reports:

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Zone 1 – Lt. Christian Smith stated that he has been in Zone 1 for the past month. He looks forward to working with the CPAC. Chair Vanderlaan welcomed him and looks forward to his reports. 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. She can be reached at 630-1994 or CSHEHEE@coj.net

Project new Ground - Marvin Dunbar, the Hester Group reported on the following:

- They have restored over 400 properties.
- The bid for 5th and Cleveland will go out this month.
- OU2 Phase 2 will start in the New Year.
- They continue to get access agreements.
- Most of the other areas are slow.
- There is no contract for Lonnie Miller and is going out for bid.

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

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green reported on the following:

- Work on the Matthews Bridge has taken a hiatus for the Jacksonville Fair and Florida/Georgia Football Game. The work will resume on November 14, 2011.
- Contractor for the I-10/ I-95 project is Archer Western and will take 2 years.
- Build new interchange at 21st Street/Talleyrand Avenue.

Members suggested that FDOT should have a way of communicating if the Matthews Bridge is open on an I-Phone or application. They would also like more signs in the neighborhood to determine which way to travel.

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

Planning and Development – Emery Nauden reported on the following:

- At the end of October a request had to be re-noticed for 706 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. for a reduction from 1500 feet to 26 feet for a complete liquor license. There are a number of churches near this location. The Neighborhood Action Plan for the Eastside Corridor Study recommended for more restaurants and retail. Planner Lisa Ransom determined from the NAP that this would promote business and the department approves of this zoning. For more information contact Bruce Lewis at 255-7500. A member asked what the name of the restaurant is and where it was located. Member Anderson from the Eastside did not know where this was. He will talk with Ms. Love when he gets the information. He did not support any additional operations.
- Chair Vanderlaan asked Planner Nauden to send Neighborhood Coordinator Fenton-Harmer the name and information for members to individually decide what to do with this application since we did not have the complete information to vote on.

Emery Nauden can be reached at 255-7825 or enauden@coj.net

Municipal Code Compliance – Zone 1 Supervisor Nelson Beard reported on the following:

- A systematic inspection was just done in Longbranch with 120 new cases.
- Currently there are 2125 active cases in the Urban Core.
- Member Miller asked Supervisor Beard for a detailed list of numbers for each neighborhood to present at future meetings. Chair Vanderlaan agreed since he knew they are doing a lot of work and it would be more informative.

Members had questions on the wood treatment facility on Fairfax Street. It has been condemned. The EPA has finished with their clean up on that property. The sign has been posted on and if it falls off to please call it in to 630-CITY (2489). Supervisor Beard can be reached at 255-7041. Municipal Code can be reached at 255-7000.

Recreation and Community Services – Pam Roman reported on the following:

- Shorty Robbins is no longer with the city. She left on her own decision and is with the Parks Department in Hillsborough County and is doing well.
- Chair Vanderlaan welcomed Ms. Roman to the Urban Core CPAC. She stated that she has been with the City of Jacksonville for the past 8 years.
- They are tasked with cutting positions and centers. Currently there is nothing slated in the Urban Core but the list will be available after the first of the year.
- There are two construction projects:
 - Confederate Park – the disc golf course will be open this Friday. It is a lot of fun.
 - Klutho Park has to be rebid. The current vendor did not do the paper work correctly.

Members asked questions on the following: Will the Kennedy Center or Emmett Reed Center be closed? They are not looking at facilities with gyms. They asked about the Mary Singleton Center. That is an Adult Service Center and not a park center. They also asked about the Joe James Center, it has been closed for several years but is open for the summer lunch program. Pam Wilson Roman can be reached at pwilson@coj.net or 255-7902

Duval County Public Schools – Jonathon Bishop introduced himself as the new Faith-based Initiatives and Mentoring Management in the Community & Family Engagement Office.

He reported on the following:

- On Monday, Nov. 14 at Andrew Jackson High School from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. there will be a meeting on the Intervene Schools. The first meeting was on Oct. 20th. These meetings are being held by the Department of Education and not DCPS.
- There is no school on Friday, Nov. 11, 2011 for Veterans Day.

Mr. Bishop can be reached at 390-2511 or bishopj1@duvalschools.org

Chair Vanderlaan welcomed and thanked Mr. Bishop for coming and hopes he will be able to attend all the future meetings.

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

Items not listed on the handout:

- On Friday, November 18, 2011 at 3 p.m. HabiJax will have a grand opening for 8 new homes at 1322 Florida Avenue.
- There will be a Boat Parade and firework display on Thanksgiving weekend due to sponsors and donors stepping up.
- The 2012 calendar is listed with 2 dates to keep in mind due to the holidays: January 9 and September 10 due to the holidays the meeting will be on the 2nd Monday.

Upcoming Meetings/Programs/Events/Downtown

- **Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair - November 2 – 13** - Home, Horticulture, and Agriculture Activities at the Extension House. For more info on ticket prices go to: <http://www.jacksonvillefair.com>
- Annual Meeting of the Sheriff's Advisory Council (ShAdCo) – Tuesday, **November 8**, 2011 starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Police Athletic League, 3450 Monument Rd., [32225]. For information contact 630-2160.
- **Veteran's Day Parade** – Friday, **November 11**, 2011 at 11 a.m. starting at the Times Union Center and continues down Water Street to Everbank Field.
- **Second Annual "America Recycles Day"** - Tuesday, **November 15**, 2011 – 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St. [32202]. The City of Jacksonville, Keep Jacksonville Beautiful and Southland Recycling Services will celebrate Keep America Beautiful's second annual America Recycles Day in Jacksonville with a recycling collection event. In 2010, the partnering agencies collected more than 23,000 pounds of paper, plastic and aluminum products, which is used for the production of new goods instead of going into the landfill. This year, traditional recyclables will be collected along with used cell phones, iPods and chargers, gently worn shoes and teacher supplies.
- **Jacksonville Journey's** next meeting will be Thursday, **November 17**, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building, 8th floor, Conference Room 851. Contact: Michelle Innes at 630-1273

- Thankful Hearts in Happy Homes **Pet Adoption** Event – Saturday, **November 19**, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Animal Care & Protective Services, 2020 Forest St. [32204] Please come find your new furry family member. \$20 Adoptions out-the-door. All pets come spayed/neutered, micro-chipped and completely vetted
- The **Mayor's Holiday Festival for Senior** Citizens – Saturday, **December 3**, 2011 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water St. [32202] Tickets on sale at the Mary Singleton Center or Special Events Office, City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., Suite 280 for \$5 (ages 60 & over) first-come, first-served.
- FOR NONPROFITS ONLY at the Main Library: Proposal Writing Basics – Wednesday, **December 7**, 2011, from 3:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Main Library, 313 N. Laura St., Conference level G4. Limited seating, so preregistration is required by contacting Janine Stanley at 630-2665 or jstanley@coj.net
- First Wednesday Art Walk, **December 7**, 2011 – rain or shine
http://downtownjacksonville.org/Marketing/First_Wednesday_Artwalk.aspx
- **Riverside Arts Market** – Open every Saturday from March to December from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville. <http://www.riversideartsmarket.com/>
- **The Jacksonville Landing Market** – Fridays at The Landing from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Info: 353-1188
- **Project New Ground** is eager to answer your questions. Contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

Phone Numbers - City Link **630-CITY** (630-2489) Please provide the exact address and obtain a tracking number to follow up.

- 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 contact 630-1377.
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., 32207. For information call 390-2000 or Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.org
- Jacksonville Public Library - 303 N. Laura St * Jacksonville, FL 32202 – 630-2665 or www.jaxpubliclibrary.org
- JSO - Police Non-Emergency 630-0500-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
- Duval Extension Office – 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. www.coj.net (Search word Extension Office)
- JOBS - WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. or 924-1710 or www.employflorida.com

Happy Holidays!

2012 Urban Core CPAC Meeting Dates

Monday, January 9, 2012 (Date change due to holiday)

Monday, February 6, 2012

Monday, March 5, 2012

Monday, April 2, 2012

Monday, May 7, 2012

Monday, June 4, 2012

July – No Meeting

Monday, August 6, 2012

Monday, September 10, 2012 (Date change due to holiday)

Monday, October 1, 2012

Monday, November 5, 2012

December – No Meeting

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

Chair's Report

- Chair Vanderlaan stated he would like to see the Urban Core CPAC continue to look at the Monroe Street project. The Ordinance was 2011-615. He encouraged members to keep an eye on this.
- Chair Vanderlaan stated that this was his last meeting as Chair. He thanked everyone for being so supportive. He said that he thought carefully on the term "Advisory" even when the CPAC was not always listened to. They talked about issues not always agreed upon be developed a consensus. They kept the mayor, city council and or school board informed. Thanks again.
- Presentations:
 - On behalf of Mayor Brown Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer presented Chair Vanderlaan a framed Certificate of Appreciation.
 - Chair Vanderlaan presented all Urban Core CPAC members and staff in attendance Certificates of Appreciation.

Unfinished Business

- Member DeVall reported that the Mothballing legislation is stalled in committee. Council Member Schellenberg is still in opposition. She feels cautiously confident it will pass.
- Member Radlinski reminded members that when the time of the meeting was changed to 5:30 p.m. it was for daylight savings time. It is now very dark when the meeting is over and would like to have the meetings begin at 5 p.m. for Eastern Standard Time. The time change will occur in March 2012. Chair Vanderlaan stated that he would like the new Officers to review this request. They also asked if Neighborhood Coordinator could send out a survey again.

New Business – none

Subcommittee Reports

2012 Nominating Subcommittee – Chair Vanderlaan turned the meeting over to the Chair of the Nominating Committee Member Radlinski. Chair Radlinski gave the Slate of Officers for 2012: Chair Christina Parrish and Vice Chair Gerre Walker. He asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Chair and Vice Chair. There being none. *A Motion to have the Slate of Officers for 2012 with Christina Parrish for Chair and Gerre Walker for Vice Chair was made and properly seconded. The Vote: all in favor; none opposed. The Motion carries unanimously.* The 2012 Officers will be: Chair: Christina Parrish and Vice Chair: Gerre Walker. Congratulations! Chair Vanderlaan stated he was pleased to have Member Parrish as the Chair. She is an attorney and is very competent. Member Parrish asked to be excused since she was with the Chamber of Commerce in China. Chair Vanderlaan asked Ms. Walker to say a few words. She stated that she was a retired educator with 3 degrees and was pleased to serve.

Announcements

- The SPAR Holiday Home Tour will be Friday, Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. each night along with a bizarre starting at 10a.m. located at Walnut Street and East 7th Street. Tickets will be available \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the event.
- FreshMinistries is partnering with the Marines for Toys for Tots. They will need volunteers to help hand out the toys. They have already collected 437 children's names. The event will be on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 10 a.m. at the Eastside Resource Center (corner of Albert Street and A. Philip Randolph Blvd.)

Public Comments - none

Adjournment

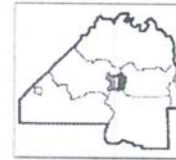
The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. – no meeting in December.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **January 9, 2012**
at 5:30 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

Submitted by:

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November 30, 2011

Mayor Alvin Brown
 City Hall at St. James
 117 West Duval Street
 Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Mayor Brown,

Our committee, the District 1 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC), met with Sheriff Rutherford at our November meeting to discuss concerns related to the problem of people who are apparently homeless, panhandling and/or loitering in the downtown area. The Sheriff described his idea for a misdemeanor release facility far removed from the downtown area. After some discussion we adopted a motion stating that:

"The Urban Core CPAC supports the Sheriff's initiative to create a Misdemeanor Release Facility outside the downtown area subject to further review."

I hope you will consider our position as this issue is the subject of further consideration by the City.

Best regards,

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 Downtown Vision, Inc.