# 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 <u>rexwilliams2006@hotmail.com</u> Vice Chairperson: Louvenia Tippins 355-8841

Mayor's Representative: Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636 <u>cshehe@coj.net</u> Neighborhood Coordinator: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer 255-8236 <u>mfharmer@coj.net</u>



## Meeting Summary Monday, March 2, 2009

## Members

Rex Williams, Chairman Ruth Arnold, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Catherine Morton, 12<sup>th</sup> Street Loyalty Janice Love, Eastside Neighborhood Beverly Toney, Fresh Ministries Deloris & Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard Michael Hartman, The Parks at the Cathedral Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR Council

**Excused** – Dr. Janetta Norman, Milton Locklear

## <u>Guests</u>

T. Carroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Levoyus Partlow, M.A.N.I.A. Greg Bruce, The Hester Group

## Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison JSO Zone 1 Sgt. Perkins Jeff Winter, COJ/EQD Shorty Robbins, DRCS Jocelyn Turner, DOH Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chair Geraldine Walker, 12<sup>th</sup> Street Loyalty Yvonne Lane, Bridge the Gap Lula Brown, Eastside Resource Center Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A. Ashley Strickland, MaliVai Kids Betty Chance, Planet Watch Floree Johnson-McPherson, Springfield Watch

Cabeth Hartman Henry Thomas, UNF

Darrell Griffin, HAND Vince Seibold, COJ/EQD Emery Nauden, Planning Sandy Donahue, Municipal Code Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

## Call to Order

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St. with a moment of silence and welcomed everyone.

## Approval of the Minutes

Member Doug Vanderlaan made a made a Motion to accept the summary from the February 2, 2009 meeting. A second was made by Member Swain. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

## Guest Speaker

Member Michael Hartman went over his presentation on: *Basic Concerns Related to PM 2.5 Air Pollution and Air Pollution Related Health Conditions in Jacksonville's Urban Core:* 

## Air Pollution Concerns:

- There are 7 "criteria" air pollutants the City monitors
- There is more known adverse health Impacts from PM 2.5 than any other criteria air pollutant, ozone is next in importance.
- Neither PM 2.5 nor ozone is being monitored in the urban core area.
- About 27% of the property in East Jacksonville shows evidence of past chemical contamination which can give rise to contaminated fugitive dust.

- In Member Hartman's opinion, the urban core is closer to a wider diversity of major PM 2.5 air pollution sources (power plants, interstate highways, and ship and rail transporters) than any other area in the city.
- PM 2.5 levels are high when the air is very calm and humid. These conditions tend to not clear out high dusty air and allow dust levels to build up.
- Expansion of Jax port implies more future air emissions from ships and truck traffic, particularly for PM 2.5

## Growing Evidence for Health Concerns from PM 2.5:

- Children born in high traffic areas at greater risk of developing asthma (reported Feb.'09)
- A gene (ACSL3) has been found that is associated with prenatal exposure to air pollutants in heavy traffic areas triggering disease onset later (reported Feb. '09)
- A 51 city study of exposure to PM 2.5 and mean life expectancy in each city showed a decrease of 10 ug/M<sup>3</sup> in PM 2.5 associated with a increase in life expectancy of about 15% (reported in Jan. '09)
- The racial prevalence of asthma is 7.6% in whites and 9.9% in blacks.
- Florida age adjusted asthma related death rate is 1.0/100,000 but for Duval it is 2.0/100,000. Deaths due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease are 30% higher in Duval.
- Asthma related hospital discharges are about 2x higher than other areas of the city.
- Detecting early signs for asthma risk is needed to help reduce asthma incidents by targeting the at risk population which seems higher in the urban core than other areas of the city.
- Getting more PM 2.5 data in some area of the urban core, perhaps in the Eastside, prior to operation
  of the Jax expanded port facilities has been suggested by Dr. Prabhu and the A3 Advocacy
  Committee on the recent JCCI air pollution study. Perhaps our CPAC should endorse these
  recommendations.

Handout with the following questions and answers on PM 2.5:

## Fine Particles (PM 2.5) Questions and Answers

Fine particulate matter (PM2.5) is an air pollutant that is a concern for people's health when levels in air are high. PM2.5 are tiny particles in the air that reduce visibility and cause the air to appear hazy when levels are elevated. Outdoor PM2.5 levels are most likely to be elevated on days with little or no wind or air mixing.

## What is Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5)?

The term fine particles, or particulate matter 2.5 (PM2.5), refers to tiny particles or droplets in the air that are two and one half microns or less in width. Like inches, meters and miles, a micron is a unit of measurement for distance. There are about 25,000 microns in an inch. The widths of the larger particles in the PM2.5 size range would be about thirty times smaller than that of a human hair. The smaller particles are so small that several thousand of them could fit on the period at the end of this sentence.

## How can PM2.5 affect my health?

Particles in the PM2.5 size range are able to travel deeply into the respiratory tract, reaching the lungs. Exposure to fine particles can cause short-term health effects such as eye, nose, throat and lung irritation, coughing, sneezing, runny nose and shortness of breath. Exposure to fine particles can also affect lung function and worsen medical conditions such as asthma and heart disease. Scientific studies have linked increases in daily PM2.5 exposure with increased respiratory and cardiovascular hospital admissions, emergency department visits and deaths. Studies also suggest that long term exposure to fine particulate matter may be associated with increased rates of chronic bronchitis, reduced lung function and increased mortality from lung cancer and heart disease. People with breathing and heart problems, children and the elderly may be particularly sensitive to PM2.5.

## Where does PM2.5 come from?

There are outdoor and indoor sources of fine particles. Outside, fine particles primarily come from car, truck, bus and off-road vehicle (e.g., construction equipment, snowmobile, locomotive) exhausts, other operations that involve the burning of fuels such as wood, heating oil or coal and natural sources such as forest and grass fires. Fine particles also form from the reaction of gases or droplets in the atmosphere from sources such as power plants. These chemical reactions can occur miles from the original source of the emissions. In New York State, some of the fine particles measured in the air are carried by wind from out-of-state sources. Because fine particles can be

carried long distances from their source, events such as wildfires or volcanic eruptions can raise fine particle concentrations hundreds of miles from the event. PM2.5 is also produced by common indoor activities. Some indoor sources of fine particles are tobacco smoke, cooking (e.g., frying, sautéing, and broiling), burning candles or oil lamps, and operating fireplaces and fuel-burning space heaters (e.g., kerosene heaters).

#### Is there an air quality standard for PM2.5 in outdoor air?

Yes, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established National Ambient Air Quality Standards for PM2.5 in 1997 and revised them in 2006. National Ambient Air Standards are established to be protective of public health. The short-term standard (24-hour or daily average) is 35 micrograms per cubic meter of air ( $\mu$ g/m3) and the long-term standard (annual average) is 15  $\mu$ g/m3. A microgram is a unit of weight. There are a million micrograms in a gram, and a pound is equal to about 450 grams.

#### How will I know when PM2.5 levels are, or will be, elevated outside?

Outdoor air levels of fine particles increase during periods of stagnant air (very little wind and air mixing), when the particles are not carried away by wind, or when winds bring polluted air into the state from sources outside the state. In general, as the levels of PM2.5 in outdoor air increase, the air appears hazy and visibility is reduced. These conditions are similar in appearance to high humidity or fog. The Jacksonville Environmental Quality Division's Air Quality Branch monitors for PM 2.5 and 6 other criteria pollutants. Except for carbon monoxide and PM 10, none of the other criteria pollutants are monitored in the urban core area by the City. The City reports a daily Air Quality Index to various news media. This index is a sum of the daily ozone and PM 2.5 data for the previous day. Unless one knows what the ozone levels were, citizens will not likely know what the PM 2.5 levels were. The City also maintains a Ambient Air Monitoring WEB page which reports all monitored criteria pollutant results.

#### Are there ways to reduce my exposure to PM2.5?

When outdoor levels of PM2.5 are elevated, going indoors may reduce your exposure, although some outdoor particles will come indoors. If there are significant indoor sources of PM2.5, levels inside may not be lower than outside. Some ways to reduce exposure are to limit indoor and outdoor activities that produce fine particles (for example, burning candles indoors or open burning outdoors) and avoid strenuous activity in areas where fine particle levels are high.

Member Hartman also mentioned Dr. Phabhu's letter that was sent to the Mayor's Office and he apologized that Dr. Phabhu was not in attendance. The City of Jacksonville's Division Chief of the Environmental Quality Division Vince Seibold Engineer Jeff Winter was in attendance and talked about monitoring. There are 10 sites that do check for pollutants around the city. There is only one site in Arlington that checks for PM 2.5 levels. Members had numerous questions on the location of the monitoring sites along with hot spots not being tested and how the monitoring sites are chosen and what they monitor for. Members would like to see the sites monitored for PM 2.5 especially with the increased traffic and the amount of family members that have asthma from members. This way they would have data on PM 2.5 to see if there is a correlation with the high rate of asthma in the Urban Core. Members are concerned with the Port traffic and the expected increase in truck traffic. Members would like to see the Environmental Quality Division begin the process of monitoring PM 2.5. Member Arnold made a motion to have the UC CPAC write a letter to the Mayor supporting what JCCI has stated about the Urban Core's environment and adding PM 2.5 particle to the City of Jacksonville's air quality monitoring sites. A second was made by Member Swain. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed. Handouts on the irrigation and fertilizer Ordinance were passed out. Vince Seibold can be reached at 630-1212 ext. 3118 or vseibolde@coj.net and Jeff Winter can be reached at 630-1212 ext. 3156 or winter@coj.net

Members thanked and applauded Member Hartman for his presentation and for bringing this to the Urban Core CPACs attention.

#### Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Sgt. Perkins had no report but can be reached at the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or <u>JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org</u> Mayor's Representative – Carolyn Shehee-Williams had no report but can be reached at 630-1994 or <u>CSHEHEE@coj.net</u>

Mayor's Project New Ground – Darrell Griffin reported on the following:

 The first series of public workshops for Project New Ground will be this week. They have advertised them on the radio, City of Jacksonville website, newspapers and e-mails forwarded by Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer. Engineers, outreach specialists and attorneys from the Office of General Counsel will be there to answer questions and get access agreements signed. Everyone is invited to attend. If you need an access agreement you can get one on the City of Jacksonville's Web page under Project New Ground or call 630-CITY. The meetings will be:

• Project New Ground will hold Information Fairs on the following dates:

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Forest Street	Brown's Dump	Lonnie Miller	5 <sup>th</sup> and Cleveland	
Tuesday, March 3	Wednesday, March 4	Thursday, March 5	Friday, March 6	
4 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Auditorium	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.	
Florida Department of Transportation	A. Philip Randolph Academies	Ribault High School	Emmett Reed Center	
2198 Edison Ave.	1157 Golfair Blvd.	3701 Winton Drive	1093 W. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	
Jacksonville, FL 32204	Jacksonville, FL 32209	Jacksonville, FL 32208	Jacksonville, FL 32209	

Greg Bruce, The Hester Group, reported that Municipal Code Division, the Department of Health and WorkSource will also be at the Project New Ground Information Fairs. Members had numerous questions and concerns on property values, testing houses that have not been tested and lead levels of the children that have been tested. Darrell Griffin can be reached at 255-8222 or <u>dgriffin@coj.net</u>

*Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)* – Milton Locklear was excused and Coordinator Fenton-Harmer reported on the following for him: The signal at 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Davis Street is designed for the traffic on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. If you would like 2 or 3 mores seconds on non-peak times (Peak times 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.) he will ask the city. Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or <u>Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us</u>

Planning and Development – Emery Nauden reported on the following exceptions:

- On March 26 there will be a hearing on Exception 09-03 for Three Layers Café selling beer and wine.
- The ARC at1050 N. Davis Street will be asking for transitional housing with PUD 2009-29. The LUZ hearing will be April 7, 2009.
- Director Brad Thoburn of the Planning Department has stepped down and will now be working for the Florida Department of Transportation.

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

Municipal Code Compliance – Zone 1 Officer Sandy Donohue was taking Supervisor Elaine Lancaster place. Members asked questions about condemnations, unsafe structures and vacant property owners. If a bright green sign is on a structure this is for an emergency demolition. Supervisor Lancaster can be reached at 391-3520. Property Safety can be reached at 391-3600 or <u>psafety@coj.net</u>

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

- On Saturday, March 14 at Raines High School from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be a Free Woman's Health Fair with screenings along with workshops.
- On Saturday, March 28 at Edward Waters College Sports Complex from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. they will be having the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Northeast Florida Women's AIDS Conference.
- For information on any coalition call 252 2520.
- The AGAPE Center Network is now open evenings one day a week per location.

Jocelyn Turner can be reached at 253-2037 or <u>Jocelyn\_Turner@doh.state.fl.us</u>

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

- The Intramural Sports League 3 on 3 for basketball is taking place in 8 parks with approximately 150 teens. They are beginning with learning the rules of the game and playing inner park games. Next week they will get on a bus and go from park to park. This summer they will have flag football.
- City summer jobs to hire for summer camps need to go to WorkSource and fairs at high schools for an opportunity to work a 5-week program or a camp for 8 weeks with 40 hours a week are available for teenagers16 and up.
- The Jacksonville Journey Community Centers have 5 remaining centers that have been put out again for an RFP. The first package had the 6 centers in it but the Fort Caroline Club Center was withdrawn due to the communities input, and the RFP did not have enough detail.
- On Friday, March 27, 2009 "Get Out There! Festival" will begin. Hanna Park will be free and there will be the oldest running Kite Festival in the country. Parks all over the city will have activities.

Members asked numerous questions on the parks and community centers. Shorty Robbins can be reached at 630-3570 or <u>shortyr@coj.net</u>

Jacksonville Journey – Marilyn Fenton-Harmer gave the 2009 February update:

- The Oversight Committee met with 7 members present and there were two sub-committee meetings
- TEAM UP programs had over 1800 children attend on a daily basis
- Early Learning programs have identified the 25 locations
- Intramural Sports Leagues began operating programs at eight sites
- Twenty-eight organizations were given final approval to operate Summer Camp that will conduct 66 camps for an 8 week, 8 hour a day summer camp.
- Ex-offender contracts were executed
- A map has been created illustrating journey programs and is located on the website
- JSO presented specific data at the JJOC meeting
- Ft. Caroline Club Community Center was removed from the Journey process based on public input.

*Information is available on the website* at <u>www.coj.net</u>. All Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee meetings are being held in the Ed Ball Conference room which allows the meetings to be heard over the internet. Information is available on the website,

#### http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey/Oversight+Committee+Meetings.

#### HAND - Community Development - Marilyn Fenton-Harmer reported on the following:

The Housing Services Division is sponsoring classes on: Facing Foreclosure? Call 630-CITY to get help.
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- The Great Jacksonville Book Sale 2009 Tens of thousands of books!! From 50 cents to \$2.00.\*
   When: Friday, March 6, 2009, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Saturday, March 7, 2009, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 2009, 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Sponsored By: Friends of the Jacksonville Public Library, Inc. Proceeds benefit the Jacksonville Public Library Where: Jacksonville Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall B Parking is FREE For more information: Call (904) 630-2304 or e-mail: futch711[at]aol.com
- JTA will hold a public meeting on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Gateway Shopping Center, 5258-12 Norwood Ave. on the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) North Bus Corridor. For info call 630-3185 or e-mail whart@jtafla.com
- Jacksonville Journey Oversight Committee Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 4 p.m., Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St. Room 851. This is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Oversight Committee. For information go to <a href="http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey/Oversight+Committee+Meetings+and+Minutes.htm">http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey/Oversight+Committee+Meetings+and+Minutes.htm</a>
- Destination Downtown Every Friday Night <u>http://www.destinationdowntownjax.com/</u> Make downtown Jacksonville your nightlife destination! Pick up your passport and receive free cover and drink specials at signature downtown bars, hotel specials, free transportation from club to club, win prizes and much more!
- Wednesday, March 18 all Libraries will be closed for Staff Development Day

- **MOB Meeting (Mayor's Older Buddies) March 24, 2009 Metropolitan Park** Join Mayor John Peyton twice each year to discuss issues pertinent to seniors. For more information call 630-7392.
- City Councilman Reggie Brown, District 10 Town Hall Meeting Northside, Thursday, March 26, 2009 6:00 p.m. at William M. Raines High School, 3663 Raines Avenue Contact: (904) 630-1684
- Mayor's Walk for Senior Wellness March 28, 2009 Metropolitan Park Join the City of Jacksonville for a 2-mile walk around the Sports Complex area. Seniors ages 60 and over will receive a complimentary lunch is included and have a chance to win a variety of door prizes. For free registration and info call 630-7392.
- Mayor's Fish-A-Thon April 1, 2009 Hanna Park Annual outing at Hanna Park to enjoy a day of games, live music, a delicious fried fish lunch and a real serious fishing tournament. Awards given for the largest, the most, the smallest, the prettiest and the ugliest fish. For more information call 630-7392.
- Blessing of the Fleet April 5, 2009 Northbank Riverfront Park The Office of Special Events and Captains' Club presents the annual Blessing of the Fleet, Sunday, April 5 at Northbank Riverfront Park. Bring the whole family to the downtown riverfront to witness many of the First Coast's finest vessels as they participate in the visually-stunning blessing ceremony. For more information or to register your boat call 630-3690.
- Fun with the Suns April 15, 2009 Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville Seniors are treated to a baseball game at the beautiful Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville. For more information call 630-7392
- Brain Bowl April 29, 2009 UNF University Center seniors, get your thinking caps on to promote "brain fitness." Take part in the interactive games, visit the Health Expo, hear presentations from the medical community and join us for lunch. For more information call 630-7392.
- World of Nations Celebration April 30 May 3, 2009 Metropolitan Park
   <a href="http://www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Special+Events/World+of+Nations/Default.htm">http://www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Special+Events/World+of+Nations/Default.htm</a> Join your friends and neighbors on an exciting trip around the globe at the 17th Annual World of Nations Celebration. Admission is \$5 (One-Day Ticket to the World) and \$7 (Two-Day pass). Children ages 3 and under are free. The Friday night International Party is also free. For more information e-mail <a href="mailto:events@coj.net">events@coj.net</a> or call 630-3690.
- Hart Bridge Painting Project The project is currently estimated to be completed by the spring of 2011.
   Bridge Closing Times The Bridge will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. and on Wednesday nights from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Weekend closures will occur on Friday nights from 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. Sunday mornings, and from 9 p.m. on Sunday nights until 6 a.m. on Monday mornings. No individual lane closures will occur during morning and afternoon rush hours between 6:30-9 a.m. and from 3:30 -6:30 p.m. (M-F) These closure times and days are planned for the duration of the project. JSO will also make public announcements of any changes to the closure schedule. The southern approach to the bridge, near Episcopal High School, will be painted during the 2009 spring, summer and/or December holiday breaks, in order to minimize inconvenience to school traffic.
- First Wednesday Art Walk (First Wednesday of every month) On the first Wednesday of each month, Downtown Jacksonville is transformed into a walkable art gallery. The crowds flock Downtown to wander throughout the historic district of Jacksonville to appreciate art, culture and community. The music from a jazz trio flows from one street corner and the drum beat picks you up at the next. From visual artists to the performing arts, it is a festive atmosphere you can't find anywhere else. Don't miss the energy of this eclectic experience it's the place to be every first Wednesday. <a href="http://www.downtownjacksonville.org/things-to-do/downtown-vision-events/">http://www.downtownjacksonville.org/things-to-do/downtown-vision-events/</a>
- Hemming Plaza Market (Every Friday) Every Friday from 10 a.m. 2 p.m. Hemming Plaza gives your work week lunch routine a boost. Stretch your legs as you peruse baked goods, fresh-cut flowers and jewelry. Pick up fresh produce at the fruit and vegetable stand and listen to live music while you soak up the sun or sit in the cool breeze under the shade of an oak tree.
- Movies in the Park at Treaty Oak (April 17 & 24, May 1 & 8) Enjoy free movie nights under the spring stars at the historic Treaty Oak at Jessie Ball DuPont Park. Bring your family and friends and pack a picnic dinner, lawn chairs and blankets for an outdoor experience. Movies in the park are PG-rated films for the whole family to enjoy.

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

- \*Please have the exact address and get a tracking number and estimated date of completion.
- City Council meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 information call 390-2000
- ShAdCo (Sheriff's Advisory Council) Zone 1 call 924-5361 at Gateway Shopping Mall 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
- Duval Extension Office 387-8850 or 1010 N. McDuff Ave. <u>www.coj.net</u> (Search word Extension Office) <u>Http://duval.ifas.ufl.ed</u>
- Real Sense Prosperity Campaign <u>www.realsensejax.org</u> 632-0600 (United Way 2-1-1) Help with money matters and tax returns
- JOBS WorkSource Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. 5 p.m. at 924-1710. Each Thursday morning the Southside WorkSource Center, 6800 Southpoint Pkwy., #950 has the "Perfect Job Seminar" Do you have the tools to find it? For information call 997-3100 or <u>www.employflorida.com</u> or <u>www.worksourcefl.com</u> or 356-JOBS (5627) and the City of Jacksonville Jobs recording at 630-1144 or <u>www.coj.net</u>

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

#### Chairman's Report - Goals 2009 and Planning

Chairman Williams wanted members to be sure to read Marilyn's report. Members need to fill out the neighborhood registration form to have the boundaries; date, time and location of their meeting and this will go on the City of Jacksonville's web site for groups to visit each other. The discussion began with guest speakers for the year:

- Continue the discussion on environmental concerns such as PM 2.5
- ShAdCo all the city groups are divided and need to know what the other is doing
- The Urban Core Vision plan is almost complete would like to have an update on the plan.
- Streets and highways
- JEA lighting and energy conservation
- Solid Waste
- Schools funding, teacher retention etc.
- FLUM
- Zoning Code rewrite

Members would like to see guest speakers discuss things that members want to work on. They would also like to be included on the process of the city budget and planning process to improve the quality of life for all citizens. There needs to be a flow of information from all city groups. They appear divided and residents need to know what the other is doing. Due to time this was tabled and will be the focus of the April meeting. Members do not want a guest speaker for April only staff reports and a planning meeting.

#### Subcommittee Reports

Hospitality – Reported that there was \$17.89 in the kitty and \$12.68 for a total of \$30.57. Thank you to all that donated to keep the refreshments going each month.

#### Announcements - none

#### Public Comments - none

#### <u>Adjournment</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **April 6, 2009** at 5 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, Training Room 110, 214 N. Hogan St.

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