

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, April 6, 2009

Members

Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chair

Catherine Morton, 12th Street Loyalty

Janice Love, Eastside Neighborhood

Betty Chance, Planet Watch

Geraldine Walker, 12th Street Loyalty

Dr. Janetta Norman, Charter Member

Deloris & Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard

Floree Johnson-McPherson, Springfield Watch

Guests

Bill Brown, W. Brown Designer

Jackie Cruse, Eastside Neighborhood

Edith Green, Cathedral Terrace

Greg Bruce, The Hester Group

Shareff Haleem, Eastside Neighborhood

Jeannette Townsend, Eastside Neighborhood

Barney Roberts, Charter Member NW CPAC

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison

Carolyn Davis, DCPS

James Bennett and James Green, FDOT

Eleanor Robinson, DRCS

JSO Zone 1 Sgt. Yul

Elaine Lancaster, Municipal Code

Gary Kresel, Planning

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

Excused

Chairman Williams, Lula Brown, Ruth Arnold, Yvonne Lane, Milton Locklear, Emery Nauden

Call to Order

Vice Chair Tippins called the meeting to order at 5 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 Swain made a made a Motion to accept the minutes as written with a second for the March 2, 2009 meeting. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Sgt Yul reported that Sgt Perkins and his unit have been working on issues in the parks.

- There are new rules posted and the downtown parks will be slowly cleaned up. The pan handling at Hemming Plaza is down. They have been working on this and in an 8-hour window they made 20 arrests for pan handling. They know that it is a big problem.

Members had questions and concerns on the following:

- Members were concerned with the number of homeless people in downtown parks and can anything be done?
- The Skyway elevator at Hemming Plaza smells of urine.
- More police patrols are needed on Myrtle Avenue in the Durkeeville area.

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 – Consultant Greg Bruce from The Hester Group gave an update on the City of Jacksonville's Ash Remediation:

- They have begun a door-to-door outreach to households that haven't sent in their access agreements to get permission slips.
- To date 300 access agreements have been signed out of approximately 2400 properties
- The Outreach Center was approved by the City Council and will be located at the Oaks of Durkeeville, 1605-8 North Myrtle Ave. and plans to be open the first of May.
- More advertisements will be going out on TV and the radio to get access agreements to start the process of cleaning up.
- Four non-profits have been awarded a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG): NW Jacksonville CDC, Wealth Watchers, Helpful Citizens and the North Riverside CDC.
- Members want to know what is planned for Lonnie Miller Park. They asked if we could invite Councilman Brown to a future meeting.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – James Green introduced James Bennett. He gave a PowerPoint presentation on the FDOT project which is proposing the replacement of the I-95 Overland Bridge, which carries both northbound and southbound traffic on I-95. The bridge spans Hendricks Avenue, Kings Avenue and Montana Avenue in the Southbank area of Downtown Jacksonville. The bridge is being replaced due to structural deterioration which is causing frequent repairs. For cost savings the existing bridge will be replaced with two smaller bridge sections and a filled earth section. This can be accomplished because the Florida East Coast Railroad Tracks that once ran under the bridge have been removed. The total cost of the project is expected to be \$170 million dollars and take 5 years to complete. The maintenance of traffic will be as follows:

- Widening of the Collector/Distributor (C/D) road. Additional lanes will be needed during construction when I-95 southbound is rerouted onto the C/D road. Also, the additional lanes will allow for the increased traffic of the Beach Blvd. and Atlantic Blvd and Phillips Highway exits in the final configuration.
- Additional improvements will include constructing all three Southbound I-95 thru lanes adjacent to each other from the existing Beach/Atlantic Blvd exit ramp to 1200' south of the San Diego Rd. overpass. This will eliminate dangerous weaving areas at the exit ramps.
- Direct access from Main Street to Hendricks Avenue will be permanently closed as part of the project due to the congested weave that currently exists with traffic from the Acosta Bridge. Traffic from the Acosta Bridge will retain access to Hendricks Avenue. Gary Street will remain permanently closed at the railroad crossing
- To accomplish the bridge replacement, traffic from I-95 southbound will be temporarily re-routed during construction to a reconfigured Collector/Distributor (C/D) road that currently runs parallel to I-95.
- The exit ramp to the C/D road will be permanently relocated to near the Fuller Warren Bridge and will serve as the exit to Beach/Atlantic Blvd and Phillips Highway from I-95 southbound. The existing exits to these roads from I-95 southbound will be permanently closed as part of the project.

The public hearing meeting will be Monday, April 20, 2009 at the San Marco Library - Balis Community Center at 6:30 p.m. for the formal presentation. It is open to the public for input. Currently 150,000 cars use this bridge and by 2040 it is expected to have 240,000 cars use it. There have been 272 crashes with 4 fatalities. Members had numerous questions and suggestions in particular on the Kings Street garage and it's proximity to I-95 and the parking under the current structure. Members were glad that the Main Street exit ramp to the Overland Bridge would be stopped for weaving. *Milton Locklear* can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

Duval County Public Schools – Carolyn Davis, Director for Restructuring Schools, Cluster 1, talked about the budget shortfall for Duval County. Title 1 schools will bring some additional funding with the stimulus dollars but this will be one-time only money. Currently they are anticipating a shortage of \$150 million dollars. This will mean cuts in staff. Each school principal will determine what they can live with and without. It could be an assistant principal or reading/math coaches. The State continues to mandate programs but there is no money to support that program. Currently there are approximately 500 teachers in the surplus pool of which 300 may have jobs. Next year it will be very tight. Parents may be asked to buy basic supplies and more money for field trips.

Members had questions on the number of people in DROP and if they are excluded from the surplus numbers. They wanted to know where the students would go if teachers were cut. Currently the Class Size Amendment says the average number of students in grades K – 3 are 18 students, in grades 4 and 5 the average is 32. Members were very concerned with the lack of PE for students and childhood obesity. Elementary children must have 150 minutes of PE outside per week with either the PE coach or the teacher. Members also wanted to know about the lottery dollars and who is responsible for the budget cuts. They also mentioned the possibility of closing smaller schools. Carolyn Davis can be reached at 390-2000 or davisc@duvalschools.org

Planning and Development – City Planner Manager Gary Kresel introduced JAXPORT, Senior Director of Planning and Properties David Kaufman. He passed out handouts on the JAXPORT Master Plan Update as part of the City's 2010 Comprehensive Plan in 2000. The Master Plan contains the vision and guidelines for implementing future port development and expansion and is divided into 2 main components: the goals, objectives and policy and the background report which referenced various maps and other data and analysis. In the Master Plan update there are 6 major goals:

1. Increase public awareness of the Port's benefit to the City and surrounding communities
2. To ensure that sites best suited for port-related development and water dependent uses are reserved for those purposes
3. To develop and maintain an efficient and effective surface transportation network and ensure that navigation channels are adequate to serve the needs
4. To develop financing mechanisms to facilitate the development and expansion of JAXPORT terminals in support of forecasted growth
5. To provide for the protection and conservation of natural resources consistent with the operation, maintenance and expansion of port facilities
6. To recognize JAXPORT's ability to serve as an economic engine through a planned expansion program

Mr. Kaufman talked about the harbor deepening project from 40 feet to now looking at 45 feet. Currently the plans for a cruise terminal have been put on hold. It is not in the plan and if it will be they will have to amend the plan and have public involvement.

Members had questions on the following: employment opportunities, getting a tourist attraction like a retired military carrier, Kerr McGee, tours of the Blount Island and Carnival Cruise Lines. Carnivals agreement has been extended for 2 years and is only limited by the Port.

A copy of the proposed Port Master Plan can be downloaded from:

www.coj.net/departments/planning+and+development/community+planning

David Kaufman can be reached at 357-3043 or david.kaufman@jaxport.com

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

Municipal Code Compliance – Zone 1 Supervisor Elaine Lancaster reported on the following:

- They have done 3 systematic inspections in Mid-Westside East Jacksonville and Springfield. They will be going to East 21st and the Moncrief neighborhoods next.
- Numbers are up and they are averaging about a 1000 cases a week for 5 officers along with the Municipal Code Board. In the Urban Core this year they expect to have a record number of cases.
- In the past they only reacted to complaints called in now they are working to be more proactive.

Supervisor Lancaster can be reached at 391-3520. Property Safety can be reached at 391-3600 or psafety@coj.net

Recreation and Community Services – Eleanor Robinson was in attendance for Shorty Robbins who wished to be excused. She handed out Spring Guides which included information on Summer Camps and the registration process. Shorty Robbins can be reached at 630-3570 or shortyr@coj.net

Department of Health – not present. Jocelyn Turner can be reached at 253-2037 or Jocelyn_Turner@doh.state.fl.us

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

Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department sponsors free Foreclosures Prevention workshops. To register, call 630-2489.
- The Neighborhood Stabilization 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 call 630-CITY
- Community Development - Events are planned for every day of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Week (April 12 – 18.) The Kick Off will be held at ARC Duval at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 13. Other events will be held at the Community Thrift Store, Jacksonville Housing Authority, Metro Kids and the Independent Living Center at the Emmett Reed Center. **The Passport to Fair Housing:** 7th Annual Fair Housing Awareness Symposium will be Saturday, April 18, 2009 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., The Schultz Center, 4019 Boulevard Center Drive, featuring six workshops. Kids Zone available. Advanced registration required. Contact: 630-1212 ext 3035 or e-mail JHRCRSVP@coj.net For more information on CDBG week please call Marilyn Fenton-Harmer at 255-8236 or Mfharmer@coj.net

Mayor's Office

Project New Ground is eager to answer your questions and help you in any way during the course of the project. Please contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY (2489)

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

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: March Report to City Council: (1) The Oversight Committee met with all 9 members present and there were two sub-committee meetings (2) Jacksonville Commitment contract has been finalized (3) Out of School Suspension contract was signed (4) Juvenile Crime Prevention/Intervention program is fully operational (5) The EX-Offender programs are fully operational (6) Community Center RFP was re-released and the deadline is April 15 (7) A map has been created and is located on the website: www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey The next Journey meeting will be Thursday, April 30 at 4 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor, 32202. For more info contact: Tina Rehmel (904) 630-1273.

For Journey information, please visit <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey>.

For interactive JSO crime maps <http://maps5.coj.net/crimestatsdiscl.asp?sJAXGIS=Y>

To volunteer <http://apps.coj.net/MayorsCrimeInitiative/VolunteerApp/AddVolunteerAppPage1.aspx>

JSO – Sheriff's Walk Monday, April 13, 2009 at 5 p.m. at East 1st Street and Van Buren Street

Senior Adults

- **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.
- **Senior Brain Bowl April 29, 2009** at 10 a.m. UNF University Center
- **Senior Expo - May 20-21, 2009** Prime Osborn Convention Center. Join the City of Jacksonville for two days devoted to sharing Jacksonville's programs, resources and services available to senior citizens and their families. Free admission and parking. For more info call 630-7392 or www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Special+Events/Mayor%27s+Special+Events+for+Senior+Citizens

Parks – JaxParks Outdoor Pool Schedule for summer 2009: Pre-Season: May 23 to May 31 -- weekends only
Season: June 6 to Aug. 14 -- seven days a week - Pools located in JaxParks facilities will remain open the full seven-day week of Aug. 7 - 21. Post-Season: Aug. 17 to Sept. 6 -- weekends only Saturdays: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sundays: 1 - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday (June 6 to Aug. 14) open swim: 1 - 6 p.m. swim team: 6 - 7 p.m. family swim: 7 - 8 p.m. Holiday hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Transportation

- **JTA Public Meeting on May 4 route changes** – Wednesday, **April 15, 2009** at FCCJ Downtown Main Building Room A – 1068 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For info call 630-3100 or www.jtafla.com
- **Florida Dept. of Transportation** – A Public Meeting about the SR 200/US301 Bypass will be held on **Tuesday, April 28** at the Baldwin Senior Center, 850 N. Center St., Baldwin. Exhibits 4:30 – 6:30, presentation will be held

at 6:30 p.m. with an opportunity for public comment. For more information, please contact David Anderson at 1-800-749-2967 or david.anderson@dot.state.fl.us

- **Hart Bridge Painting Project** – The project is estimated to be completed by the spring of 2011.

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

- **Spring Seminar and Genealogy Fair** - The Jacksonville Public Library and Southern Genealogist's Exchange Society will have Speaker, Jana Sloan Broglin, CGsm, is a professional genealogist with over twenty-five years of experience. She has spoken at local, state, regional, and national conferences. She is a lecturer and freelance writer. Over thirty publications on Kentucky resulted in being named a "Kentucky Colonel". Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Main Library Auditorium, 303 N. Laura St. For info 630-2409

Events – The **Riverside Arts Market (RAM)** – Jacksonville's spectacular new riverfront artists' market is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. beneath the sheltering expanse of the Fuller Warren

- Bridge structure, this huge all-weather weekend artists' market has over one football field's covered area and features the work of 160 artists, accompanied by musical entertainment, street performers, food vendors, and a fresh produce market.
- **Jacksonville Green Expo** April 25 -26, 2009 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission \$5 (kids under 12 free) For information call 236-9966 or info@jacksonvillegreenexpo.org
- **World of Nations Celebration April 30 – May 3, 2009** Metropolitan Park <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Special+Events/World+of+Nations/Default.htm> 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 events@coj.net or call 630-3690.
- **Starry Nights - May 16, 2009 Metropolitan Park** – Tickets on Sale – Lawn seating \$15 <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Special+Events/Starry+Nights+May+16%2c+2009.htm> Featuring Grammy award-winning country artist LeAnn Rimes accompanied by the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. For info call 630-3690 or e-mail events@coj.net.
- **JazzFest May 21-24, 2009** The 2009 Jacksonville Jazz Festival will feature renowned jazz performances in the heart of downtown Jacksonville on Laura Street, various downtown businesses and historic buildings. Laura Street will be transformed into a jazz club atmosphere with multiple stages of entertainment, Art in the Heart Art Show & Sale, Wine Down Tasting Experience, jazz exhibits, children's educational activities and more.
- **School's Out for Summer Dance @ Kennedy Community Center** - Friday, **May 22, 2009** 6:00 - 9:30pm 1133 Ionia St. Its time to celebrate! School's out and summer fun begins! Music, food and fun. Dance is for kids ages 4 - 12. For more information call 904 630-4100

Free things to do in Jacksonville:

- Check out the **Jacksonville Symphony** – Jacksonville's libraries offer musical selections <http://jpl.coj.net/coll/jso/jso.html>
- Bike or hike along Jacksonville-Baldwin **Rails to Trails**, East Entrance: two-tenth mile north of Commonwealth Ave. on Imeson Road. Dogs on leashes welcome!
- Enter the library's **Dog Photo Contest for kids ages 12-18**, Deadline April 1 – 30. For more information call 630-0673.

See a free movie – For more information call 630-4100

- April 17, 6 – 10 p.m. (movie starts at dusk), Treaty Oak Park, 1123 Prudential Dr. Come and enjoy a family movie under the stars at Treaty Oak Park.
- April 22, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Movie Call of the Wild at Bradham Brooks NW Library Auditorium. For info 765-5402
- April 24, 2009 6pm - 10pm (movie starts at dusk) Movies in the Park, Treaty Oak Park, 1123 Prudential Dr. May 01, 6:30 p.m. (movie starts at dusk) Movies in the Park, Treaty Oak Park, 1123 Prudential Dr. May 08, 6:30p.m. (movie starts at dusk) Movies in the Park, Treaty Oak Park, 1123 Prudential Dr.)

SAVE the DATE:

- 2009 National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 4, 2009
- 2009 Neighborhood Day – Sunday, September 20, 2009

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 5 call 384-8028 at 1024 Superior Street or Zone 4 call 573-3165 at Cedar Hills 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 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
- Duval Extension Office www.duval.ifas.ufl.edu or 387-8850 located at 1010 N. McDuff Ave.
- Real Sense Prosperity Campaign - www.realsensejax.org – 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. For info call 924-1710 or www.employflorida.com or www.worksourcefl.com or 356-JOBS (5627)
- City of Jacksonville jobs recording at 630-1144 or www.coj.net

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Announcements – None

Public Comments – None

2009 Goals and Planning

Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer asked members for ideas, suggestions, projects and guest speakers to work on for the remainder of the year:

- Members would like to invite the UC CPAC City Council Members to an up coming meeting, in particular Councilman Brown, District 10 to talk about Lonnie Miller Park.
- A traffic signal is needed at A. Philip Randolph and Union Street and Jessie St. and Franklin Street. Members were reminded to call in issues to 630-CITY.
- Bright street lights are desperately needed for safety in neighborhoods.

Chairperson's Report

- Vice Chairperson Tippins talked about increasing membership and not making the meetings so long as to turn new members away.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **May 4, 2009**
at 5 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

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