

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, May 4, 2009

Members

Rex Williams, Chairman

Ruth Arnold, 2nd Mile

Betty Chance, Planet Watch

Floree Johnson-McPherson, Springfield Watch

Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chair

Geraldine Walker, 12th Street Loyalty

Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR Council

Ashley Strickland, MaliVai Kids

Excused

Mike Hartman, Dr. Janetta Norman, Beverly Toney, Janice Love, Yvonne Lane, Lula Brown, Deloris & Johnny Swain, Michael Hartman, Milton Locklear

Guests

Tiara Carroll, 2nd Mile

Karen Landry, War on Poverty

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison

Shorty Robbins, DRCS

LaCree Carswell, HAND – CDD

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

Emery Nauden, Planning

Sandy Donahue, Municipal Code

Jocelyn Turner, DOH

Call to Order

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street with a moment of silence and welcomed everyone.

Chairman Williams stated there was a Sheriff's Walk in the Eastside that was rescheduled at the last minute and a number of members were attending that.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Johnson-McPherson made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 6, 2009 meeting. A second was made by Member Tippins. The Vote: All in favor; None opposed.

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) – Not present – at a Sheriff's Walk.

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 – Not present.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Milton Locklear was excused.

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

Planning and Development – Emery Nauden had no report. Planner Nauden can be reached at 630-0258 or enauden@coj.net

ECD - Municipal Code Compliance – Zone 1 Senior Officer Sandy Donahue reported on the following:

Total active cases in the Urban Core **2082**:

- **29th and Chase 123** – 1 Commercial, 7 Junk Vehicle, 63 Nuisance, 4 Board Up, 29 Residential, 18 Unsafe 1 Zoning
- **Brooklyn 23** – 1 Commercial, 1 Junk Vehicle, 4 Nuisance, 1 Board Up, 6 Residential, 10 Unsafe
- **Downtown Jacksonville 22** – 12 Commercial, 2 Residential, 7 Unsafe, 1 Zoning
- **East Jacksonville 292** – 4 Commercial, 14 Junk Vehicle, 109 Nuisance, 11 Board Up, 70 Residential, 79 Unsafe, 1 Zoning Commercial, 4 Zoning
- **Fairfield 108** – 17 Junk Vehicle, 40 Nuisance, 9 Board Up, 29 Residential, 13 Unsafe
- **Hogan's Creek 42** – 1 Commercial, 5 Junk Vehicle, 12 Nuisance, 1 Board Up, 13 Residential, 9 Unsafe, 1 Zoning
- **LaVilla 11** – 1 Junk Vehicle, 4 Nuisance, 1 Residential, 5 Unsafe
- **Longbranch 152** – 2 Commercial, 12 Junk Vehicle, 62 Nuisance, 9 Board Up, 40 Residential, 24 Unsafe, 1 Commercial Zoning, 1 Zoning
- **Mid Town 1** – 1 Residential
- **Mid Westside 526** – 5 Commercial, 26 Junk Vehicle, 175 Nuisance, 32 Board Up, 166 Residential, 107 Unsafe, 13 Zoning, 2 Land Use
- **Moncrief 210** – 3 Commercial, 8 Junk Vehicle, 67 Nuisance, 14 Board Up, 55 Residential, 59 Unsafe, 3 Zoning, 1 Land Use
- **Phoenix 98** – 2 Commercial, 2 Junk Vehicle, 36 Nuisance, 3 Board Up, 27 Residential, 26 Unsafe, 2 Zoning
- **Southside 1** – 1 Residential
- **Springfield 463** – 4 Commercial, 8 Junk Vehicle, 110 Nuisance, 21 Board Up, 149 Residential, 152 Unsafe, 17 Zoning, 2 Land Use
- **Tallyrand 10** – 9 Nuisance, 1 Residential

Members wanted to know where Fairfield was. They are getting ready for systematic inspection on Myrtle Ave and Downtown this week. Code Compliance Senior Officer Donahue can be reached at 391-3507 or sdonahue@coj.net or Supervisor Lancaster can be reached at 391-3520 elainel@coj.net Property Safety can be reached at 391-3600 or psafety@coj.net

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

- The Jax. Journey 3-on-3 basketball program is almost complete with approximately 300 participants. The tournament will begin and will be at Scott Park. Registration for Flag Football will be next. This is for children ages 13 to 17 years old.
- The Movies in the Park at Treaty Oak last week had around 1100 people for *Finding Nemo*. The next movie will be *Beatle Juice*. Movies in the Park will be going on all over the city.
- Registration for Summer Day Camp begins today with 20 sites. Registration is all on line.
- The pools will open May 23rd Memorial Day Weekend.

Members had questions and concerns.

- The large containerized drums are still in Confederate Park that needs to be picked up.
- Members commented that Confederate playground and Dog Park are looking great.
- Members talked about the S-line Greenway and if it would connect with the Rails-to-trails.

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

Kelley Boree can be reached at 630-0142 or kboree@coj.net

Department of Health – Jocelyn Turner, Director of Community Relations & Health Promotion, had no report. 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:

- The request to invite Urban Core City Council Members was sent out. To-date Councilman Gaffney will be at the June meeting and Council Members Redman, Jones, and Brown will be at the Aug. 3 meeting. Others are still in the process of determining a date.
- **Summer Camp** – Pre-registration begins **May 4** at noon. Free public online access is available at all [Jacksonville Public Libraries](#). Computers are also available at the Department of Recreation and Community Services, 851 N. Market St., for use by those who pay by check or cash beginning May 4 at noon. [Online open registration is](#) available beginning May 18 at noon and will remain open until all seats are filled.

- **Youth Summer Jobs** – Contact The WorkSource Summer Success Program provides 6-week summer work experiences for youth ages 14 – 24. Young workers receive stipends and transportation assistance, and commit to approximately 20 hours of work per week for six weeks. (Hours and schedules may vary by site). The program will run from June 29 to Aug. 3, 2009. The work experiences provide young people the opportunity to work as part of a team and gain valuable skills. Eligibility is income-based, and parents must provide eligibility documentation and consent for their child to obtain a scholarship for the Summer Success Program. For information contact Temeka Bridges at 798-9229, ext. 2206 or tbridges@worksourcefl.com
- **Shine in 09**- Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Day will be Saturday, **May 16, 2009** from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at Downtown Vision, Inc., 214 N. Hogan St., #120 for a planting project. For more information call 630-3420.
- A handout on the **Swine Influenza** (H1N1) was available.

Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department sponsors free Foreclosures Prevention workshops. To register, call 630-2489. The City of Jacksonville has a new website for Foreclosure - Stay Home Jacksonville Foreclosure Prevention at <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/default.htm>
- 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
- The 2009 annual **NUSA** conference will be on **May 20-23**. The three-day conference registration is \$325 until registration closes on May 11, 2009. To register online visit www.nusaspokane.org. You may also contact Katrina Miller at 509-625-6733 or krmiller@spokanecity.org.
- The City of St. Petersburg is proud to host the 13th Annual **Florida Neighborhoods Conference** to be held **July 9-11, 2009** at St. Petersburg Hilton Bayfront Hotel. The conference format is planned to take advantage of the many resources available in the state of Florida while improving the quality of life in neighborhoods throughout the state. Two options for registration the 2009 Florida Neighborhoods Conference: 1.) Online- <http://www.stpete.org/fnc> and mail payment (check or money order) with confirmation number postmark by Friday, June 12, 2009 to receive the regular conference rate. 2.) Mail - complete form (with check or money order) postmark by Friday, June 12, 2009 to receive the regular conference rate of \$50 after the 12th it will be \$100. Workshops, tours will be filled on first come first served basis. Mail to: City of St. Petersburg, Neighborhood Partnership Department, P.O. Box 2842, St. Petersburg, FL 33731-2842 For information call (727) 892-5141 Hotel reservation can be made at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront, 333 First Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701-4342 or call 727-894-5000

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: Report to City Council for April: During April they continued to implement the Jacksonville Journey program. (1) The Oversight Committee held two meetings (2) The Jacksonville Commitment contract has been executed (3) Out of School Suspension Centers opened April 13 (4) The Jacksonville Re-Entry Portal (JREC) opened in a new location April 13 (5) The Ex-Offender programs are fully operational (6) Community Center RFP was received and (7) Normandy Community Center held its grand opening April 25.

www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey The next Journey meeting will be Thursday, May 21 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>

Senior Adults

- **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.

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

Department of Health – New Location for Birth/Death Certificates - The Duval County Health Department (DCHD) has transitioned its Office of Vital Statistics location from 515 West 6th Street to 900 University Boulevard, North, Suite 101.

Events

- The **Riverside Arts Market (RAM)** – Jacksonville's spectacular new riverfront artists' market be 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.

- **Starry Nights - May 16, 2009 Metropolitan Park** – Tickets on Sale – Lawn seating \$15 Featuring Grammy award-winning country artist LeAnn Rimes with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. For info call 630-3690 or e-mail events@coj.net.
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Special+Events/Starry+Nights+May+16%2c+2009.htm>
- **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. For the complete line up go to:
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Special+Events/Jazz+Festival/2009+Entertainment+Schedule.htm>
- **School's Out for Summer Dance @ Kennedy Community Center** - Friday, **May 22, 2009** 6:00 - 9:30pm at 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 information call 630-4100
- **Memorial Wall Ceremony - May 25, 2009 - Veterans Memorial Wall** – Join us as we honor the local heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The ceremony includes keynote speakers, presentation of colors, family tributes, a wreath presentation, a 21-gun salute, "Taps" and musical tributes. For information events@coj.net or call 630-3690 or
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Special+Events/Memorial+Wall+Ceremony.htm>
- **Sail Jacksonville - May 29-31, 2009 - Downtown Riverfront** - Welcome the beauty and majesty of Tall Ships® from around the world back to our Downtown Riverfront! Tour fabulous Tall Ships®, hang out with pirates and Vikings, live entertainment, kids area and much more. For information, call 630-3690 or e-mail events@coj.net or go to the website at:
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Recreation+and+Community+Services/Special+Events/Sail+Jacksonville/Default.htm>

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!

See a free movie

- May 08, 6:30p.m. (movie starts at dusk) Movies in the Park, Treaty Oak Park, 1123 Prudential Dr. For info call 630-4100

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 1 call 924-5361 at Gateway Mall or Zone 5 call 384-8028 at 1024 Superior Street
- 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.
- **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

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

Guest Speaker

Karen Landry and intern Lauren Hedrick from the War on Poverty were glad to be in attendance. The office is located in the Gateway Mall, 5196-A Norwood Ave. 32208. They are working on a Childhood Obesity study and asked members for input on numerous questions for their report. There will be a Town Hall meeting in about 6 months time with the findings. The Building a Healthy Community – Childhood Obesity Prevention Project (BHC-COP) is an awareness campaign designed to promote active lifestyles and healthy eating habits for youth and their families. The project is being coordinated by the War on Poverty-Florida, Inc., in partnership with the Women of Color Cultural Foundation and the Pearl Nutrition Services site of Duval County Health Department's Community Nutrition Services Division. For more information call 766-7275 or go to the War on Poverty's web site: www.waronpoverty.org

Chairperson's Report

- Chairman Williams was going to start subcommittee meeting during the regular meeting but with very few members present will do this next month. It makes sense to have the subcommittee meetings at the same time.
- Please be sure to read Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer's Report and pay attention to the reminders and the information on the Swine Flu (H1N1). The idea is to pass this information on to your own community meeting and to pass it on to as many neighbors as possible.
- Chairman Williams wanted to formally apologize for not being at last month's meeting due to car trouble.
- He thanked members for attending the meeting and hopefully there will be a bigger turn out next month. Please remember there will Not be a meeting in July.

Subcommittees

- **Hospitality & Beautification** – Member Johnson-McPherson is officially resigning from the Hospitality Subcommittee due to a problem with her shoulder. She just can't carry the heavy soda and water. Everyone thanked and appreciated all the wonderful snacks that Member Johnson-McPherson brought each month.

Chairman Williams talked with members about the possibility of combining some of the subcommittees to the following:

1. LUZ and Environmental
2. Membership, Hospitality and Beautification (possibly add Safety)
3. Youth, Schools and Recreation – need continuous information from DCPS
4. Transportation and Housing

These are just suggestions until the next meeting.

- Members want to develop positions on certain issues like light rail compared to rapid bus. Decisions are being made by city planners that should have first been discussed with CPAC for their input.
- The Urban Core needs more "Green" energy. Houses have no insulation, leaky windows, space heaters and window air condition units. CPAC needs to develop a policy and a plan to really promote resources especially if there is stimulus money available for this type of programs.
- Members want to know why the City of Jacksonville can't start a program like California in having rent control and strong regulations for absent landlords. When trying to improve the neighborhoods all residents have the right to have a safe and nice place to live. We need to stop protecting slum lords under the heading of property rights.
- Members want to have more information on HUD and rental units. They want to know if HUD actually inspects the home they pay rent for. People need to have decent housing at affordable prices.

Announcements

- Member Strickland invited members and the community to the Mal Washington Kids 4 Kids Verizon Carnival on Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for this free event. There will be all kinds of games, a D.J. and a health fair. There will also be a section for community organizations. Call 359-KIDS for further information.
- Member Vanderlaan reminded members to come to the annual SPAR Home Tour which is on May 8, 9 and 10. Tickets can be purchased at the SPAR office. The times are Friday and Saturday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Public Comments – None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on Monday, **June 1, 2009**
at 5 p.m. in Training Room 110 of the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street

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