

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

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

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

Vice Chair: Louvenia Tippins 355-8841

Mayor's Representative: Carolyn Shehee-Williams 630-1636 cshehe@coj.net

Neighborhood Coordinator: Marilyn Fenton-Harmer 255-8236 mfharmer@coj.net



Meeting Summary Monday, September 3, 2009

Members

Rex Williams, Chairman

Geraldine Walker, 12th Street Loyalty

Ashley Strickland, MaliVai Washington

Doug Vanderlaan, SPAR Council

Louvenia Tippins, Vice Chair

Yvonne Lane, Bridge the Gap

Betty Chance, Planet Watch

Pat La Mountain, Springfield Women's Club

Excused

Ruth Arnold, Dr. Janetta Norman, Michael Hartman, Floree Johnson-McPherson, Jocelyn Turner, JSO Zone 1

Guests

Endya M. Cummings, JTA

Anthony McGlone, The Hester Group

Veronica Schimer, UNF Student

Eric Walker

Monica Albertie and Dr. Willis, Mayo Clinic

Joanne Kazmierski, JAXPORT

Celeste Jones, UNF Student

Michael Spinks

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams, Mayor's Liaison

Emery Nauden, Planning and Development

Elaine Lancaster, ECD - Municipal Code

Milton Locklear, FDOT

Shorty Robbins, DRCS

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, HAND - CDD

Call to Order

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 5:09 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 remarked that since Monday is the Labor Day holiday changing the meeting day of the week members may have forgotten, still be on their way, stuck in traffic or headed to the Jaguar game.

Approval of the Minutes

Member Lane made a made a Motion to accept the minutes from the August 3, 2009 meeting with the following correction removing the word "run" under the Guest Speaker section #13. A second was made by Member Tippins. The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Guest Speaker

JTA – Endya Cummings, Business Relations and Development presented the "Fixed route bus system re-design" (maps were handed out)

- JTA will roll out changes on Monday, Oct. 5.
- The Skyway will not operate on weekends except for special events.
- The NS 19 Urban Core route the area in blue is new and the gold is old on the map.
- NS 3 and 14 route comes to Moncrief Ave. and Avenue B to Rosa Parks to Gateway and Wal-Mart and hops on to I-95 to Highlands Shopping Center – to River City Market Place.
- JTA goes to the airport on the CT 3 which stops at all 6 downtown hotels then goes to Rosa Parks Station to I-95 to River City Market Place and then goes to the airport. It drops off and picks up at the baggage claim area bus stop.

- Bus passes can now be purchased at all Walgreens (debit cards can be used), Tax Collector locations, a few Winn- Dixie locations and a few Publix locations for \$12 for a weekly pass and \$40 for a monthly pass.

JTA's Community Shuttle Service – Four maps were handed out on the new shuttles: Northside, Broward Road, Mandarin, and New Cecil Community Shuttle. The maps had green shaded areas that will be for the Deviation area. The shuttle buses are small 24-passenger vans that can hold up to 5 wheel chairs. Each shuttle has scheduled stops within its service area and can also be customized to meet your needs with advanced reservations. The shuttle connects with JTA's traditional bus service. Your options to ride the shuttle are:

- Board a JTA community shuttle at a designated stop at a scheduled time.
- You can reserve premium curbside service by calling 598-8724 at least 2 hours in advance or up to 3 calendar days before you ride.
- Limit carry-on items to no more than 3 grocery bags. (Operators are not allowed to assist passengers with carry-on items.)
- Be prepared to meet the shuttle early. The shuttle will not wait if you are not at the curbside location when the shuttle arrives
- Be near the curb or stop at least 5 minute prior to your arranged pick-up.

Fares:

- Regular fare is \$1 per ride – for info on fares/passes call 630-3100.
- A premium curbside service fee of \$.50 will apply to each scheduled pick-up or drop-off that is not at a designated stop. This premium fee is applicable to all fare categories including seniors, pass, or ticket holders.
- Persons with disabilities travel at a reduced fare of \$.25 per ride with a reduced fare card or valid Medicare card.
- Seniors age 60 and older ride for free upon presentation of a government issued picture ID with birth date.
- If you or someone you know would like a presentation please contact Endya Cummings.

Members asked numerous questions on the routes, start times and schedules. They will be printed in a week and the schedule goes into effect on Monday, Oct. 5. They also wanted to know how JTA was going to get the word out on the changes. Endya Cummings can be reached at 630-3197 or ecummings@jtafla.com and visit www.JTAFLA.com

Staff Reports

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Excused due to the Jaguar Football game.

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 – The Hester Group Consultant Anthony McGlone reported on the following:

- On September 22, 2009 the Community Office will open at 1605-8 Myrtle Ave. at the Oaks of Durkeeville.
- Tetra Tech was awarded the Browns Dump contract for clean up.
- There will be upcoming fairs on the following dates:
 - Monday, Sep. 28, 2009 at the J.S. Johnson Senior Center, 1112 Jackson St. from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Sep. 30, 2009 at the Springfield Women's Club, 210 W. 7th Street from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- For more information call 630-CITY

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Milton Locklear had no report. Milton Locklear can be reached at 360-5686 or Milton.Locklear@coj.state.fl.us

Planning and Development – Emery Nauden reported on the following:

- Swisher expansion is going forward. Paul Tutwiler lives near there and has some concerns.

- Member Miller had requested a FLUM update with responses from the State. Kristen Reed will present the latest information and or send someone to give an update. Planner Nauden can be reached at 630-0258 or enauden@coj.net

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

Total active cases in the Urban Core 2626 with the average from 2500 to 2700 cases:

- **29th and Chase 133**
- **Brooklyn 100**
- **Downtown Jacksonville 35**
- **East Jacksonville 343**
- **Fairfield 90**
- **Hogan's Creek 67**
- **LaVilla 11**
- **Longbranch 155**
- **Mid Town 1**
- **Mid Westside 732**
- **Moncrief 298**

Members had concerns on the following:

- Contractors that do less than desirable work. Supervisor Lancaster suggested calling into 630-CITY to report it and then contacting Wayne Hamilton and Brian Moser in Abatement. If the work is not done right payment will be held up until it is done correctly.
- The Palm Trees on the City right-of-way from 9th Street to 12th Street are overgrown. Who should this be reported to? Call 630-CITY for accountability.

Supervisor Lancaster can be reached at 255-7000 or her direct number 255 7007.

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

- **Parks – Kidz Runnin` Wild Track Meet @ Kids Kampus, 1410 Gator Bowl Blvd. - Saturday, September 19, at 11am - 1pm.** Come to the 2nd annual Kidz Runnin` Wild Track Meet. This is a fun event just for the little ones ages 2yrs old to 5 yrs old. Everyone is a winner! For information call 630-4100
- **MOVIES IN THE PARK @ J.S. JOHNSON PARK, Friday, September 25, 2009 at 7p.m.** movie starts @ dusk, 1112 Jackson St. Come and enjoy a family movie under the stars at J. S. Johnson Park. For info call 630-4100
- **Worldwide Day of Play - Saturday, September 26, 2009 from noon to 3p.m.** at Clanzel T. Brown Park - 4545 Moncrief Road. Get ready for 3 hours of fun, games, and challenges. For information call 630-4100. This is in conjunction with Nickelodeon and Comcast which will turn Nick off for 3 hours saying go out and play.
- **Dog Day Afternoon at the Arboretum - Saturday, October 03, 2009 at 1pm - 4pm, 1445 Millcoie Rd.** Event to include: Blessing of the pets, costume contest, pet parade, and more.
- **Confederate Park Playground** will be going to bid the first of the New Year.
- **Klutho Park** restrooms will be bid in the next 6 weeks to rehab the existing bathrooms.
- **Club Rec** after school program began the first day of school for children in grades first to fifth. There have been some challenges with children getting to the centers since Duval County Public School changed the bus riding limits to 2miles instead of 1 1/2 miles.

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

Department of Health – Jocelyn Turner was excused. Jocelyn can be reached at 253-2037 or Jocelyn.Turner@doh.state.fl.us Monica Alberta and Dr. Willis from the Mayo Clinic came to invite members and neighbors to the Healthcare Disparities in the Age of Obama: Priorities for Northeast Florida Community Conference at Edward Waters College, John R. Hurst Adams-Jimmy R. Jenkins Community Sports and Music Center, 1658 Kings Rd. on Wednesday, Sep. 16, 2009 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for a reception and Thursday, September 17, 2009 for the Conference. Health Zone 1 which includes CPAC 1 and 5 had the highest infant mortality rate. They want to know what the factors are to address this and need the feedback from the community. Please RSVP to Albertie.monica@mayo.edu or call 953-0974 by Sep. 1st and it's Free!

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

Mayor Peyton's Budget information can be viewed at www.fixitnow.cc

City Council President Clark created a budget e-mail **suggestion box** BudgetSuggestions@coj.net

City Council Finance Committee Budget Hearings will take place at City Hall, 117 W. Duval St., 1st Floor, St. James Building on the following dates to discuss the 2009-2010 Budget: Sep. 4th, and 9th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (break from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.) and **City Council Special Meetings 9/17/2009** and 9/29/2009 <http://www.coj.net/City+Council/BudgetHearings.htm>

Community Empowerment Expo – Saturday, September 12, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Downtown Main Library to register call 630-CITY or <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Blueprint+for+Prosperity/CEE/default.htm>
This community event offers the resources you need to succeed! The 19 workshops cover: Financial Fitness, Career Building, Managing Your Health, Credit Repair, Social Security Benefits, Foreclosure Prevention, Disability Employment Services, Building Wealth and much more! Free transportation and children's activities for youth ages 3 to 10 years-old (provided on a first-come, first-served basis).

Housing and Neighborhoods Department:

- The Housing and Neighborhoods Department sponsors free Foreclosures Prevention workshops. To register, call 630-CITY (2489). The website Stay Home: Jacksonville Foreclosure Prevention is *designed as a resource to help connect you with the appropriate agencies for assistance. The City of Jacksonville does not directly provide counseling or legal assistance but will help put you in touch with someone who can help with your mortgage situation.*
<http://www.coj.net/Departments/Housing+and+Neighborhoods/Stay+Home/default.htm>
- The Neighborhood Stabilization Program, authorized by the [Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 \(HERA\)](#), will assist state and local governments in the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed properties and increase the availability of affordable housing for low, moderate and middle income households. For information on Jacksonville's economic stimulus efforts, please send an e-mail to stimulus@coj.net or 630-CITY

Project New Ground is eager to answer your questions. Please contact the City of Jacksonville: 630-CITY <http://www.coj.net/Departments/Environmental+and+Compliance/Project+New+Ground/About.htm>
If you have any specific questions about how ash on your property may affect your health, please contact the Duval County Health Department at (904) 253-1000. You may also visit the Web site, <http://www.dchd.net>

Jacksonville Journey: The next Journey meeting will be Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 4 p.m. at the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St., 8th Floor, 32202. The meeting for August was cancelled. During the month of July they continued to move forward in implementing the *Jacksonville Journey* program. The progress includes (1) The Oversight Committee held its monthly meeting (2) Jacksonville Commitment continued with summer school scholarships (3) Team Up programs reported promotion rates and attendance numbers (4) Ex-Offender programs case managed over 1600 clients through June 30 and (5) Intramural Sports League expands programs to the pools and the JSO provides overtime through Operation Safe Streets. For more info contact: Tina Rehmel (904) 630-1273 or <http://www.coj.net/Mayor/Jacksonville+Journey>.

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

FDOT - Regional Workshop of the 2010 SIS Strategic Plan Update Tuesday, **September 22**, 2009 at 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, at the FDOT Urban Office Training Facility, 2198 Edison Avenue - Florida's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) is a transportation system made up of statewide and regionally significant facilities and services. It contains all forms of transportation for moving both people and goods. The initial SIS Strategic Plan was adopted on January 20, 2005. The 2010 SIS Strategic Plan Update will consist of a comprehensive review of SIS goals, objectives and policies and will develop strategies to make SIS implementation more effective. It will also update and clarify the criteria and thresholds used to designate SIS facilities. <http://sisupdate.org>

Schools - Duval County Public Schools www.duvalschools.org *Jacksonville United Against Truancy (JUAT) is a collaborative community effort to reduce truancy in Jacksonville. Partner agencies include the State Attorney's Office, Duval County Public Schools, City of Jacksonville, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Youth Crisis Center, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, Beaches Law Enforcement, Jacksonville Housing Authority, and Lutheran Social Services.*

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Encourage good attendance practices in your home & community
- Volunteer to be a mentor – find out more at <http://www.duvalschools.org/static/offcampus/mentor/index.asp>
- REPORT A TRUANT by calling 390-2093 or making an online report at <http://www.duvalschools.org>

Encourage use of our ***Alternatives to Out of School Suspension*** (ATOSS) centers located at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, the Bridge of Northeast Florida, Beaches Boys & Girls Club, Peterson Academy, and Southside Middle. Call 390-2477 for more information.

Save Duval Schools - www.saveduvalschools.org – One click to contact your legislators.

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

Downtown Events – For a listing of events happening in September in downtown Jacksonville, pick up a calendar of events at the City of Jacksonville Office of Special Events, 117 W. Duval St., Ste. 280, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, at [Downtown Vision, Inc.](http://DowntownVision,Inc.) and area kiosks, the Visit Jacksonville office and welcome centers along with various downtown hotels, restaurants and businesses. Also, visit www.experiencejax.com for your one-stop resource for events throughout Jacksonville.

Riverside Arts Market - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Under the Fuller Warren Bridge, Downtown Jacksonville

Mayor's Book Club - RALLY Jacksonville! Registration for the 2009-2010 school year is open, now through May 2010, or while supplies last. Duval County children who will turn 4-years-old by Sept. 1, 2009, and are entering kindergarten in 2010 are eligible to join Mayor Peyton's Book Club. All 4-year-olds who are enrolled in a Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) childcare center are automatically registered for the Book Club and will receive their bags through their centers, thanks to a partnership with the Early Learning Coalition of Duval, Inc. If a 4-year-old is not enrolled in VPK or does not attend childcare, the parent can register the child for the Book Club by visiting www.jaxkids.net. Bags may be picked up from one of seven locations across the city:

Jacksonville Children's Commission, 1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. - 904.630.3647

- Main Library, 303 N. Laura St. - 904.630.2665
- Mandarin Regional Library, 3330 Kori Road - 904.262.5201
- Southeast Regional Library, 10599 Deerwood Park Blvd. - 904.996.0325
- West Regional Library, 1425 Chaffee Road, S. - 904.639.1448
- Highlands Regional Library, 1826 Dunn Ave. - 904.757.7702
- Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Blvd. - 904.992.7101

To learn more about *RALLY Jacksonville!* and Mayor Peyton's Book Club, visit the Jacksonville Children's Commission online at www.jaxkids.net or call (904) 630-4754.

SAVE the DATE: 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 Shopping Center
- First Coast Crime Stoppers – 1-866-845-TIPS (8477) to report a crime anonymously
- JEA – 665-6000 – If a street light is out please get the number on the pole to report it
- JTA –For customer service call 630-3100 or www.jtafla.com
- City Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m., City Council Chambers, City Hall, 117 W. Duval St. [32201] For info call 630-1377
- Duval County School Board meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. First Floor Board Room, 1701 Prudential Dr., [32207] For info call 390-2000
- Duval Extension Office is located at 1010 N. McDuff Ave or for more info call 387-8850
- **JOBS – WorkSource** Career Center at Gateway, 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2 open M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. For info call 924-1710 or www.employflorida.com or www.worksourcefl.com or 356-JOBS (5627)

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

Members Concerns:

Member Vanderlaan brought up the City Budget. There is a real crisis and the numbers are important. He proposed the following Motion which was seconded by Member Chance:

- *Considering the current difficult city budget process, the Urban Core CPAC advises the City Council to adopt the Mayor's millage proposal. Residents of the Urban Core neighborhoods rely on many of the city services that may need to be cut if adequate revenue is not provided.* Discussion ensued. The numbers do not add up even with all the projected cuts. Services will also be cut. Member Chance discussed the millage rate and possible cuts as well as JEA going to charge a \$2 fee to pay the bills on line or in a JEA office starting in October. This will hurt people. The discussion continued and members did not want to come back next month to find the Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer's position cut. They would like Chairman Williams to rally the support of the other CPACS to unite us and attend the upcoming City Council meetings. It was also suggested to contact all the City Council Members at www.fixitnow.cc and let them know your position on the budget. The Vote: All in favor with one no vote.

Member Vanderlaan remarked that he has done a lot of research on the "Internet cafes" which are unregulated gambling parlors that have no supervision or enforcement. He made the following Motion with a second by Member LaMountain:

- *The Urban Core CPAC urges the Jacksonville City Council, Mayor, JSO and the State Attorney's office to work together to establish and enforce regulations on the small unregulated casinos know as "internet cafes". Considering the known harmful social effects of gambling, and the fact that Northeast Florida already offers dog racing and a state lottery, we advise that these "internet cafes" should be closed. The Jacksonville City Council to enact an ordinance to close the "internet cafes".* Discussion on the legality and JSO not being able to close them down. The conversation began last month when there were City Council members as guest speakers. Member Vanderlaan has spoken to an attorney that thought they could be regulated locally. The Allied Veterans of the World are the registered entity that operates some in Jacksonville. Member Tippins would like to see them closed at once. Member Walker had a grocery receipt which advertised the one at 48th Street and Main Street which is across the street from Northshore Elementary School. An Amendment was made by Member Vanderlaan with a second by Member Chance to change the last sentence to read: *We advise the Jacksonville City Council to enact an ordinance to close the "internet cafes".* Motion reads as follows:

The Urban Core CPAC urges the Jacksonville City Council, Mayor, JSO and the State Attorney's office to work together to establish and enforce regulations on the small unregulated casinos know as "internet cafes". Considering the known harmful social effects of gambling, and the fact that Northeast Florida already offers dog racing and a state lottery, we advise the Jacksonville City Council to enact an ordinance to close the "internet cafes". The Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

Chairperson's Report

- Chairman Williams appointed the following members to the 2010 Nominating Committee: Catherine Morton, Betty Chance and Ruth Arnold with Member Janice Love as an alternate.
- Members were concerned about Member Hartman not being in attendance. Neighborhood Coordinator Marilyn Fenton-Harmer will call him.

Subcommittees – no reports

Announcements - none

Public Comments – none

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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

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