

Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

August 5, 2019 Meeting Summary

Ed Ball Building, 214 W. Adams St.

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Michelle Tappouni, Chair; Kim Pryor, Vice Chair; Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts; Brenda Boydston, Fresh Ministries; Becca Dingler, 2nd Mile Ministries; Tia Keitt, Eastside Community Coalition; Cindy Watson, JASMYN; Cathy Reed, Parks at the Cathedral; Juanita Senior, Planet Watch Neighborhood; Glen VanVorst, The Plaza; Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.

Visitors: Ryan Hoover, Vestcor Properties; Evie Welch, Cathedral Terrace; John Shermetaro, SPAR; William Hoff, SPAR; Dr. Evie Wealch, Sheriff's Watch; Michael Vaynman; Yelena Vaynman.

Staff and Elected Officials: Samuel Newby, City Council Member at Large #5; Chiquita Moore, Neighborhood Services; Elaine Lancaster, Municipal Code Compliance; Dana Kriznar, Duval County Public Schools; Stephanie Miller, Jacksonville Public Library; Lt. Rickie Valentine, JSO; Robin Gainey, JFRD; Cheryl Reddick, JTA; Amy Holliman, Neighborhood Services Office; Guy Parola, Downtown Investment Authority; Renne Goode, JEA.

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- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** CPAC Chair Michelle Tappouni called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. After members introduced themselves, staff confirmed a quorum.
- 2. Presentation:** Ryan Hoover, President of TVC Development, a Vestcor Company, gave a presentation on three new residential developments downtown. Lofts at LaVilla is a five story, 130-unit community is located at the intersection of West Bay and Lee Streets, across from the Prime Osborn Convention Center. Lofts at Jefferson Station is a five story, 133-unit community located at Water Street and North Jefferson Street. Lofts at Monroe is a five story, 108-unit community that will be located at North Davis and Monroe Streets. New Urban Core development includes both market-rate and affordable housing. Previous Vestcor developments include the renovations of 11E, at Main Street and Forsyth Street and The Carling on Adams Street. In addition, a proposed development in the Cathedral District is currently on hold due to funding.
- 3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Summary:** Glen VanVorst motioned to approve the June 3, 2019 CPAC meeting summary, Juanita Senior seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Elected Officials Report:** Samuel Newby, City Council Member At Large Group 5 (SNewby@coj.net: 630-1387), reported that the Task Force on Safety and Crime Reduction will become a permanent commission. The Task Force is charged with "making recommendations on how the City can better coordinate programs and funding for safety and crime reduction, including corollary youth services, ex-offender, mental health and community engagement programs which appear to inversely impact crime rates, and increase overall public safety." Chair Michelle Tappouni asked that the Task Force Chair,

Mark Griffin, be invited to give a presentation to the CPAC. Kim Pryor asked about the mobile shower trailer that parks on City owned property at Duval County's Central Health Plaza at 1217 N. Pearl St. Acting Operations Director of Neighborhood Department, Chiquita Moore, will inquire with the Office of General Council regarding liability issues with the mobile shower.

4. Chair's Report: Michelle Tappouni reported that any issues that members would like to be brought before the CPAC before the end of the year, please send those to Amy Holliman so that those items can be placed on the agenda.

5. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue:** Robin Gainey, Fire Chief (RGainey@coj.net: 630-0851), reported that there is now a Rescue Unit in every fire station. This year Fire Station #2 at the corner of 4th and Main Streets celebrates 110 years of continuous operation. Residents interested in receiving a smoke detector or having one checked, contact JFRD's Fire Prevention and Education Division at 630-2472 or 630-CITY (630-2489) for more information. Brenda Boydston asked about the status of Fire Station 5 at the corner of Riverside Avenue and Forrest Street. Chief Gainey reported that he is not aware of plans for the building.
- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office:** Lt. Rickie Valentine, Patrol and Enforcement Zone 1 (Rickie.Valentine@jaxsheriff.org: 630-8150), reported that there was a reduction in violent crime and property crime over the past 30 days. Duval County Public Schools are back in session beginning August 12, 2019, which means more traffic. Please watch for children, school busses and school zones. Information on when to stop for a school bus is available at jaxsheriff.org. Glen VanVorst inquired about the crime statistics and how the Commission on Safety and Crime Reduction will use the metrics to determine the best course of action to reduce crime. It will take time to see results of the Commission's work. Tia Keitt asked about the possibility to calm the intense brightness of the flashing red and blue lights on the community cameras. Lt. Valentine will inquire about what can be done.
- **JEA:** Renee Goode, Government Relations Coordinator (goodrr@jea.com), reported that JEA depends on the public to let them know when a street light has stopped functioning. The pole number is required for JEA to properly identify the location of the needed service. Typically the lights are repaired during the day so the malfunctioning light is not obvious to the work crew. To help with the reporting JEA is developing a smart phone app that locates the pole number using the location software on cell phones. More information can be found at JEA.com.
- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Elaine Lancaster, Code Compliance Supervisor (ElaineL@coj.net: 255-7007), reported that there are 1,864 active cases open in the Urban Core. The most recent systematic inspection was in the Mid-Westside neighborhood. Systematic inspections are driven by staff supervisors who make their requests quarterly to the Code Enforcement Administrator. If you call to report a concern or issue to 630-CITY and would like assistance with that issue, you can email Elaine Lancaster the issue number. She

will send staff out and respond to you with the results. Elaine stated that if you have an open issue that doesn't seem to be getting resolved, or if you would like to request a systematic inspection for your neighborhood to contact her or Thomas Register, Code Enforcement Administrator, at 255-7290.

- **Jacksonville Public Library:** Stephanie Miller, Librarian (SStokes@coj.net: 630-2962), reported on the programs that are available at the library in August and September. The date of the featured program for August is Saturday, August 17, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. when the Main Library will host "Sizzlin' Summer Romance" which includes a self-publishing workshop and a panel discussion. The September featured program is Books and Buccaneers is Saturday, September 21, 2019. Professors from all over Florida will give talks about pirates from this region. A calendar of events for all ages can be found at jaxpubliclibrary.org or by calling 630-BOOK. The City is currently conducting a study of Urban Core libraries to determine what is required to ensure the libraries are meeting the needs of the community. Air conditioning systems are being updated at several locations all over the City.
- 6. **JTA:** Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager (CRiddick@jtafla.com: 632-5522), reported that emergency transportation is available from JTA when the city activates the Emergency Operations Center. Please check jtafla.com or call customer service at 630-3100 for information available services. A service change will begin today. Route rack cards that include service changes are always yellow; remember yellow mean change. Juanita Senior reported that the bus stops at Boulevard Street and 11th and 15th streets, had the trash cans removed. Now these stops have trash all around them. She asked if JTA would consider replacing the trash cans. Cheryl Riddick stated she would look into it, but that requires a dual effort since the City is responsible for trash pick-up at JTA stops.
- 7. **Downtown Investment Authority:** Guy Parola, Operations Manager (GParola@coj.net: 255-5305), reported that the DIA is negotiating with the owner of the surface lot at corner of Pearl and Forsyth Streets to bring the lot into compliance with the Downtown Overlay. Municipal Code Compliance will begin fining the owner until the issue is resolved.
- 8. **Adjourn:** Chair Michelle Tappouni adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Due to the Labor Day Holiday the next Urban Core CPAC Meeting is Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the JTA Board Room, 100 Myrtle Ave. 32202

A copy of the audio recording of this Urban Core CPAC meeting is available through a Public Information Request by calling 630-CITY. Details about Public Records can be found on the City's Website: [Public Records](#).