

Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

December 2, 2019 Meeting Summary

Ed Ball Building, 214 W. Adams St.

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Michelle Tappouni, Chair; Kim Pryor, Vice Chair; Becca Dingler, 2nd Mile Ministries; Brenda Boydston, Fresh Ministries; Cindy Watson, JASMYN; Juanita Senior, Planet Watch Neighborhood; Glen VanVorst, The Plaza; Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard Crime Watch; Terry Canty, Planet Watch Neighborhood.

Excused: Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts; Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.; Greg Radlinski, Parks at the Cathedral.

Visitors: Mary Tappouni; John Shermetaro, SPAR; Catharine Freeman, HabiJax; William Hoff, SPAR; Adam Hoyles, Onsite Environmental Consulting; Dr. Evie Welch, Cathedral Terrace, Tyrona Clark-Murray, Northwest CPAC Chair.

Staff and Elected Officials: Nikki Evans, Assist to City Council Member At Large Group 2 Ron Salem; Sgt. Christopher Potter, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Michael Hoffman, Municipal Code Compliance; Dana Kriznar, Duval County Public Schools; Stephanie Miller, Jacksonville Public Library; Chiquita Moore, Neighborhood Services Office; Amy Holliman, Neighborhood Services Office; Shelley Thibodeau, State Attorney's Office.

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- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** CPAC Chair Michelle Tappouni called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. and staff confirmed a quorum.
- 2. Presentation:** Chris Hand, author of "A Quiet Revolution" and "America, the Owner's Manual: You Can Fight City Hall-and Win" reviewed both of these publications and his perspective on the CPACs capacity to affect positive change for Jacksonville's neighborhoods. Consolidation was intended to improve Duval County fiscally and streamline customer services. But consolidation also diminished the influence of neighborhoods. The city is so large, different areas have very different issues. The functions of the CPACs are critical in a consolidated government to elevate neighborhood concerns to city officials. Several suggestions were offered to members to improve the influence of CPACs on city government. Chris Hand suggested that the CPAC chairs meet with the Charter Revision Commission, which reviews the City Charter every ten years, to suggest adding CPACs as a revision to the charter. This would change the charge of the CPACs from a mayoral executive order, which can change with each new mayor, to a continuous function bound by the charter. He also suggested strengthening relationships with city council members, especially at large members.

3. **Elected Officials Report:** Nikki Evans, Assistant to Ron Salem City Council Member At Large Group 5 (NEvans@coj.net; 630-3409). Council Member Salem is in an At Large position, he therefore represents everyone. If you would like to be added to the distribution list for Council Member Salem's newsletter or if you have concerns or issues, please contact Council Member Salem's office at 255-5216 or RSalem@coj.net.
4. **Chair's Report:** Michelle Tappouni shared that she has enjoyed her time on the CPAC. She shared that CommUniverCity is a great resource to meet people and share ideas. She commented that everyone is here because they believe in something. Silence will result in nothing, but we won't always get our way. Keep pushing, keep working, and we will always have her support. Chair Tappouni's term has ended as CPAC Chair and SPAR has selected a replacement for her on the CPAC.
5. **Staff Reports**
 - **JSO:** Sgt. Christopher Potter (Christopher.Potter@jaxsheriff.org; 630-2612) reported that violent crime is down year-to-date 11.6 percent and property crime year-to-date is down 4.34 percent. Holiday safety tips are available at jaxsheriff.org.
 - **Municipal Code Compliance:** Michael Hoffman, Code Compliance (LHoffman@coj.net; 255-7104), reported that MCCD is currently completing a systematic inspection in Eastside. Over 1,400 inspections were completed last month in the Urban Core.
 - **Jacksonville Public Library:** Stephanie Miller, Librarian (SMiller@coj.net; 630-1944), reported that Chris Hand's books that were discussed at tonight's meeting are both available at the library in all 28 locations. Santa will be at various library locations throughout Jacksonville. Please log on to jaxpubliclibrary.org for books, music, movies, and information.
 - **Neighborhood Services Office:** Chiquita Moore, Director of Operations (ChiquitaM@coj.net; 255-8902), reassured everyone that the CPAC members are very important to the Curry administration. Please feel free to contact her at any time.
6. **Adjourn:** Chair Michelle Tappouni adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC Meeting is Thursday, January 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, First Floor Training Room, 214 N. Hogan St. 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](#).