

Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

November 4, 2019 Meeting Summary

Ed Ball Building, 214 W. Adams St.

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Michelle Tappouni, Chair; Kim Pryor, Vice Chair; Becca Dinger, 2nd Mile Ministries; Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts; Tia Keitt, Eastside Community Coalition; Delores Swain, Grand Boulevard Crime Watch; Cindy Watson, JASMYN; Greg Radlinski, Parks at the Cathedral; Juanita Senior, Planet Watch Neighborhood; Glen VanVorst, The Plaza; Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard Crime Watch; Terry Canty, Planet Watch Neighborhood.

Excused: Brenda Boydston, Fresh Ministries.

Visitors: John Shermetaro, SPAR; Rosemary Thornton, COEA; Eric Miller, Downtown Vision; Sarah Wilson-Kraft; Barbara Sanchez, Brentwood Lakes; Robert Hersey; William Hoff, SPAR; Dr. Evie Welch, Cathedral Terrace.

Staff and Elected Officials: Daryl Willie, DCPS Board Member; Garrett Dennis, City Council Member District 9; Nikki Evans, Assist to City Council Member At Large Group 2 Ron Salem; Bradley Clayton, Municipal Code Compliance; Michael Hoffman, Municipal Code Compliance; Dana Kriznar, Duval County Public Schools; Laura Minor, Jacksonville Public Library; Officer Cesar Parrales, JSO; Cheryl Reddick, JTA; Berdell Knowles, JEA; Amy Holliman, Neighborhood Services Office; Will Williams, Public Works.

Meeting Summary

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** CPAC Chair Michelle Tappouni called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. and staff confirmed a quorum.
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Summary:** Glen Van Vorst motioned to approve the October 7, 2019 CPAC meeting summary, Cindy Watson seconded. The motion passed unanimously with one edit.
3. **Presentation: Downtown Vision Inc.** Eric Miller, Vice President of District Services (eric@dtjax.org; 634.0303x1224) gave an overview of the services provided through Downtown Vision Inc. (DVI). DVI sponsored events include First Wednesday's Art Walk, DTJax Awards Breakfast, Gala, Small Business Saturday and Trick or Treat on the Street. DVI also manages the Downtown Ambassadors and the DVI Social Services Program, which has been active for a year. In that year, they have conducted quarterly surveys of the transient and homeless population within the Urban Core and surveyed downtown residents, workers and visitors. DVI research has revealed that the number one negative feeling about visiting downtown is the large homeless population. The issue is both humanitarian and economic. DVI research has revealed gaps in

services for the transient and homeless, such as a lack of transportation and the need for proper identification. DVI is attempting to fill these gaps through strategic partnerships and policy change. JTA has donated two busses to the Social Services Program, which are used to provide transportation between social service organizations throughout the City. DVI is an active participant in Changing Homelessness, the “lead agency for services in support of ending homelessness in Duval, Nassau and Clay counties.” For more information on Downtown Vision Inc., visit downtownjacksonville.com.

4. Elected Officials Report:

- Darryl Willie, Duval County School Board Member District 4 (willied@duvalschools.org; 390-2374), announced that Urban Core High School Andrew Jackson is now a Microsoft Showcase School, one of 41 in the U.S. and hundreds of others across the world. The decision of the City Council to deny the half cent sales tax referendum has been contested and is currently in review. Although by the time a decision is made, it will likely be too late to have it on the next election ballot. Members of the Duval Delegation have submitted an amendment to have an elected superintendent.
- Garrett Dennis, City Council Member District 9 (GarrettD@coj.net; 255-5209), reported that there are more opioid overdoses in this district than any other. District 9 is home to a very diverse population. He is working close with the Opioid Epidemic Special Committee. The committee is working on resources to provide immediate post-overdose counseling, a recognized successful method for reducing opioid use and relapse.
- Nikki Evans, Assistant to Ron Salem City Council Member At Large Group 5 (NEvans@coj.net; 630-3409), reported that she brought copies of Council Member Salem’s quarterly newsletter. 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 the newsletter or if you have concerns or issues, please contact Council Member Salem’s office.

5. **Chair’s Report:** Michelle Tappouni reported that the December meeting will consist primarily of a conversation with Chris Hand, author of the updated “A Quite Revolution” and “How to Fight City Hall and Win.” She added that Porchfest is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, November 9, 2019 with 20 bands playing on 20 porches throughout the Southwest quadrant of Springfield.

6. **Nominating Committee:** Juanita Senior presented the slate of nominees for 2020; Kim Pryor for Chair, and Glen VanVorst for Vice Chair. The Chair ensured there were no additional nominations (by asking three times). Greg Radlinski motioned to approve the slate of officers, Dimitri Demopolis seconded. After brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Kim Pryor was elected as Chair and Glen Van Vorst was elected Vice Chair of the Urban Core CPAC for 2020. Greg Radlinski asked for clarification as to when the newly elected Chair and Vice Chair take office. He noted that there is no mention of a beginning date in the Executive Order or By-Laws.

7. **Council on Elder Affairs:** Rosemary Thornton, Chair of the COEA shared that there are open positions on the COEA for districts 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, and 14. She asked that anyone who might be interested in serving, connect with her or Executive Director Carrence Bass (255-5413; CBass@coj.net). The next meeting of the COEA is November 20, 10-11 a.m. in council chambers. The Senior Expo is scheduled for November 13 and 14, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Morocco Shrine Auditorium at 3800 St Johns Bluff Rd S. The Senior Holiday Festival is Saturday, December 7, 2019 2-5 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person for those ages 60 and over. Groups of 15 or more can have shuttled transportation from Senior Centers around the City.

8. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Public Library:** Laura Minor, Librarian II (LMinor@coj.net: 630-1944), reported on the programs at the Main Library for November and December. Local authors interested in having a table at Jax Book Fest 2020 can apply to have a table through the JPL Foundation at jplfoundation.org. Jax Book Fest is February 29, 2020 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street. Please log on to jaxpubliclibrary.org for books, music movies and more.
- **JEA:** Berdell Knowles, Director of Government Relations (KnowB@jea.com: 665-4524), reported that hurricane season is not quite over. The Storm Center section of JEA.com provides storm information and preparation advice. For information on the future of JEA visit whatsnextjax.com.
- **Duval County Public School:** Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent (kriznard@duvalschools.org: 390-2046), reported that representatives from the Art School National Network visited Douglas Anderson, LaVilla and Fishweir Elementary schools during their Annual Conference held in Jacksonville last month. They also visited Jacksonville's Museum of Science and History, The Museum of Contemporary Art, and Cummer Museum and Gardens. All high schools have a Financial Aid professional available to assist parents with completing the Federal Application for Student Aid. Please contact the school for an appointment. School Choice Expo is January 11, at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit dcps.duvalschools.org for more information.
- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Bradley Clayton, Code Compliance Supervisor (BClayton@coj.net: 2557038), reported that two major projects in October for the Urban Core were closing the adult arcades and a systematic inspection in Mid-Westside which resulted in 479 cases. Juanita Senior thanked Bradley Cooper for this assistance in removing a trailer that was dropped at 118 W.18th Street.

9. **Downtown Investment Authority:** Guy Parola, Operations Manager (255-5305; gparola@coj.net) reported that the next Downtown Development Review Board (DDRB) meeting is Thursday, November 14, 2019 in City Hall, 117 West Duval Street, 1st Floor, Lynwood Roberts Room. The lot at the former Greyhound Station property is going through the Code Enforcement violation process.

10. Public Comments:

- **Kim Pryor** announced that Springfield Improvement Association and Archives would like a letter of recommendation requesting a budget line item for park maintenance in the Springfield area. Chair Michelle Tappouni suggested that if this isn't a time sensitive issue, SIAA should present the proposal to the CPAC prior to sending a letter.
- **Greg Radlinski** motioned to cancel the December meeting, Delores Swain seconded. The motion failed.

11. Adjourn: Chair Michelle Tappouni adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC Meeting is Thursday, December 2, 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](#).