

Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

April 5, 2021 Meeting Summary

Hybrid Meeting:

Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street, First Floor Training Room, Jacksonville, FL 32202 and on Zoom

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Kim Pryor, Chair; Glen VanVorst, Vice Chair; Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts; Becca Dingler, 2nd Mile Ministries; Bill Hoff, SPAR Council; Greg Radlinski, Parks at the Cathedral; Juanita Senior, Planet Watch Neighborhood Association; John Shermataro, SAMBA; Deloris Swain, Grand Boulevard Crime Watch; Terry Canty, Planet Watch Neighborhood Association

Excused: Tia Keitt, Historic Eastside CDC; Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.; Cindy Watson, JASMYN

Visitors: Richard Lewis; Keith Davis; Veronica Brown

Staff and Elected Officials: Jennifer Casey, Duval Soil and Water Conservation; Allen Moore, Duval Soil and Water Conservation; Joshua Rosenberg, Duval Soil and Water Conservation; Marshelle Berry, JPL; Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance; Dana Kriznar, DCPS; Robin Gainey, JFRD; Cheryl Reddick, Jacksonville Transportation Authority; Adam Pendley, JSO; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Wendy Byndloss, Jacksonville Human Rights and Commission; Chiquita Moore, Neighborhoods Department; Jessica Denson, Neighborhood Services Office

Meeting Summary

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** CPAC Vice Chair Glen VanVorst called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Staff confirmed a quorum.
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Summary:** The March meeting summary was approved by the CPAC Members.
3. **Presentation:** None
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Elected Official's Report:** Allen Moore, Duval Soil and Water Conservation, shared that the Duval Soil and Water Conservation District is currently working on a green infrastructure project in the Urban Core District. The Green Infrastructure and Community Stewardship Project will focus on demonstrating urban agriculture, cultivating environmental stewardship, and empowering residents to build with nature for social, economic, and environmental health. The project will transform half an acre of currently unused public land near Moncrief Road and 13th Street into an ecological demonstration site along the S-Line link of Groundwork Jacksonville's Emerald Trail. The project features a bioswale installation, the creation of a pollinator habitat and a series of educational workshops. Please visit www.duvalsoilandwater.com for more information.

Allen Moore may be reached at 904-299-3112 or amoores@bellsouth.net

6. **Chairs Report** – None
7. **Old Business** – None
8. **New Business** – Vice Chair VanVorst asked UC members if they have Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Recommendations to submit. Below are the recommendations mentioned: CPAC Member Greg Radlinski recommended additional funding be added for the Emerald Trail and Hogan Creek Projects. He recommended resubmitting Urban Core CPAC past recommendations that were not on the current CIP.

The Urban Core CPAC members will review the CIP recommendations from 2019 and discussed the recommendations at May's meeting.

Jessica Denson, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, explained that the Urban Core CPAC should email her their suggested recommendations and she will compile the recommendations to send to the full UC CPAC. At the next UC CPAC meeting, the members

should vote on the suggested recommendations. The UC CPAC Chair or Vice Chair will compose an UC CPAC CIP recommendations letter to the City of Jacksonville and submit to Jessica Denson.

Operations Director Chiquita Moore stated once the UC CPAC recommendations letter is submitted to Jessica Denson, Jessica will forward the letter to Teresa Eichner, CIP Coordinator who will then compile a list of all the CIP recommendations that will go through an extensive selection process. The selection process will be reviewed by the Department Directors, then presented to the Mayor's Administration, and finally go to the City Council.

The deadline to submit Urban Core CIP Recommendations for FY2022-2026 CIP is May 14, 2021.

9. Subcommittees:

- **Code Enforcement and Blight** – Vice Chair Van Vorst- no report
- **Homelessness:** Cindy Watson – On behalf of Homelessness Subcommittee Chair, CPAC member Dimitri Demopoulos stated that on April 3, 2021, Changing Homelessness reported the Temporary Bridge Shelter number of clients reduced from 150 people to 49. The Temporary Bridge Shelter will close April 7, 2021. However, any remaining clients will be taken care of through existing shelter care resources in the community. A copy of Changing Homelessness data detailing progress made with the shelter was provided to the CPAC members via email.
- **Governmental Affairs:** Bill Hoff -No report

10. Staff Reports:

- **Neighborhoods Department-** Chiquita Moore, Operations Director reported the Neighborhoods Department currently has two new programs to assist Duval County residents who lost income due to COVID-19: Mortgage Relief Program, and Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program. For more information visit www.myjax.custhelp.com or call (904)630-2489 (CITY).
Operations Director Moore may be reached at (904)-255-8902 or ChiquitaM@coj.net
- **JFRD-** Robin Gainey, Chief, Fire Station 4 located at Duval and Jefferson Street, reported JFRD recently added an additional storage location between the building while trying to keep the Fire Station historic appearance. The added space is needed for the Special Operations Team who is housed at the station.
- **Jacksonville Human Rights and Commission-** Wendy Byndloss, Director, Jacksonville Human Rights and Commission, announced that the City of Jacksonville, 2021 Fair Housing Symposium will take place at the Jacksonville Main Library on Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required to attend. For more information, please call (904) 255-5397 or to pre-register online visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fair-housing-symposium-2021-safe-accessible-and-free-of-harassment-tickets-143793445065>
- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)** – Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent, announced the new CDC guidelines in the DCPS states students must maintain three feet distance and wear a face mask. High School graduation will take place at the school's stadiums. DCPS is planning a robust summer program to accommodate for the learning loss students may have experienced as a result of at home learning and the delayed start of the school year. Deputy Superintendent Kriznar may be reached at kriznard@duvalschools.org

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Derek Dixon, Transportation System Manager, FDOT gave updates on the following projects:
 - The ramp from Independent Drive to Main Street Bridge will be closed permanently on April 15, 2021. The ramp will be demolished at the request of the City of Jacksonville.
 - The reconstruction of the entrance ramp at I-10 Eastbound and US 301 southbound is scheduled for completion Spring 2022.
 - FDOT propose improvement for a new single lane entrance ramp from US 301 Northbound to I-10 Eastbound at the southeast quarter.
 - The State Road 211, at Riverside Avenue and Margaret Street, project includes installation of two mast arms that will replace the span wires and add sidewalk replacement to improve pedestrian safety.

Derek Dixon may be reached at (904) 360-5653 or Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)**- Marshelle Berry shared that National Library Week is April 4 -10, 2021. The theme is “Welcome to your Library”. The community can post a 15-second video sharing how reading has impacted their life.

JPL partnered with MOSH to host MOSH's “An Era of Racial Terror: Jacksonville's Legacy of Lynching” exhibition at the Main Branch. The public may view the exhibit between March 30 and May 2, 2021.

The last Friday of each month, the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) offers free admission to JPL library card holders. MOCA is located at 333 Laura St. N., downtown next to the Main Library.

The State Florida Division of Emergency Management vaccination program will have 250 doses of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine on the following dates at the following JPL Branches:

- Monday, April 5, 2021: Brown Eastside Library, 1390 Harrison Street
- Saturday, April 10, 2021: Charles Web Library 6887 103rd Street
- Sunday, April 11, 2021: Main Library 303 North Laura Street

The vaccination sites will be open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Doses will be administered on a first come first served basis.

The Urban Branch Study will be conducted at the Brown Eastside, Bill Brinton- Murray Hill, Brentwood, Dallas Graham, and Westbrook libraries. The purpose is to help the library better define the services of the 21st Century branch, and to assess JPL current urban branch facilities to determine what is needed to ensure the branches can deliver the defined services. The process will include a meeting with branch staff, a review of facilities by Library Facilities Department and Haskell, and the community input with Cantrese Jones of Acuity Design Group. The recommendations and cost estimates will lead to the conceptual services plan.

The Eastside Library will reopen on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 with modified hours. The hours will be Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

For more information go to www.jacksonvillepubliclibrary.org

- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Robert Bautochka, Code Compliance Supervisor, Municipal Code Compliance Division (MCCD), reported in March, MCCD completed 1,194 inspections in the Urban Core District and 7,761 city-wide. MCCD will conduct systematic inspection in the Fairfield Neighborhood on April 5 - 9, 2021. MCCD offers the Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR) which prevent liens from being placed on the property. Please visit the Municipal Code Compliance Department website for more information:
www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program.
Robert Bautochka can be reached at RBautochka@coj.net or (904)-255-7055
- **Public Comments** – Vice Chair Van Vorst stated that in the past 30 days downtown has experienced reckless driving and burnouts on multiple occasions at the intersections of Bay and Liberty Street; Bay and Market Street; Bay and Newnan Street; Market Street and Courthouse Drive; Liberty & Adams Street; Market & Adams Street; Hogan and Water Street. This is a safety issue for the downtown residents and citizens using the scooters downtown.

11. Adjourn: There was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC Meeting is Monday, May 3, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, First Floor Training Room and via Zoom.

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](#).