

Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

March 7, 2022 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; Greg Radlinski, Vice Chair; Bill Hoff, SAMBA; Bryant Shumaker, SPAR Council; Becca Dingler, 2nd Mile Ministries; Keith Davis, All Things Common Ministries, Inc.; Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts; Juanita Senior, Planet Watch Neighborhood Association; Terry Canty, Planet Watch Neighborhood Association; Deloris Swain, Grand Boulevard Crime Watch; Glen VanVorst, Plaza Condominium Association; Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A; Ernest Smith III, Plaza Condominium Association

Excused: Cindy Watson, JASMYN

Visitors: Richard Lewis; Linda Harris; Christopher Kelly; Deon Screen Sr.; Marcia Ellison; April Wilson; Michelle Solarek

Staff and Elected Officials: Darryl Willie, DCPS Board Chair, District 4; Warren Jones, DCPS Board Member, District 5; Opal Bryant, Executive Assistant to Florida State Representative Tracie Davis, District 13; Dana Kriznar, DCPS; Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance; Keli Likins, JPL; Bradley Shivers, JSO; Cheryl Reddick, JTA; Tiffany Morales, MVA; Kara Tucker, Parks, Recreation and Community Department; Kiaira Nixon, State Attorney's Office; Charles Johnson, JFRD; Gene Klingbeil, JFRD; Jessica Denson, Neighborhood Services Office

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Pryor called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Jessica Denson confirmed a quorum was present.
- 2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Summary:** The February 2022 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC members.
- 3. Public Comment:** None
- 4. Elected Official's Report:**
 - Darryl Willie, Duval County Public School Board Chairman, District 4, informed the CPAC members that on March 1, 2022, Duval County School Board approved a resolution that they will submit to City Council to be placed on an upcoming ballot to seek voters' approval for a one millage ad valorem tax. The purpose of the tax would be to attract and retain highly qualified teachers and staff through additional compensation. Additionally, the tax would enhance art, music, athletic programs and provide proportionate funding for charter schools. For more information, please visit www.dcps.duvalschools.org.

School Board Chairman Darryl Willie can be reached at willied@duvalschools.org or (904) 390-2374.

- 5. Chairs Report:** Chair Pryor thanked the City of Jacksonville for the demolition of the Berkman Plaza II building, located in the 500 block of East Bay Street, on Sunday, March 6, 2022.

Chair Pryor welcomed three new representatives on the Urban Core CPAC. Bryant Shumaker, the primary representative for SPAR Council, Ernest Smith III, the alternate representative for Plaza Condominiums Association, and William Hoff, the alternate representative for SAMBA are all new members.

6. Staff Reports:

- Jacksonville Sheriff Office (JSO)-** Assistant Chief Bradley Shivers provided an overview of the JSO Co-Responders program. The program is staffed by 11 police officers and 11 mental health counselors who are assigned to assist the police officer when they respond to a call where individuals are experiencing a mental health crisis. The mental health co-responder program's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Assistant Chief Bradley Shivers can be reached at Charles.shivers@jaxsheriff.org.

- Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (JFRD)-** Charles Johnson, Fire Captain Prevention 40, informed the CPAC members that the mayor appointed Craig Fry as the new Fire Safety Prevention Lieutenant. Lt. Fry and his staff will canvas various neighborhoods and speak with residents in communities that have been affected by a residential fire. The goal of the program is to educate the community on fire safety and fire prevention. Another benefit of the program is to install a new free smoke detector. Captain Johnson reminded the CPAC members to change their smoke detector batteries every six months.

Fire Captain Johnson can be reached at johnsonc@coj.net.

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)**- Keli Likins reported the following:
 - On Friday, March 11, 2022, at noon, the JPL Main will host its Writer's Lab Lunch and Learn for inspiring writers.
 - The JPL Main Best of Elementary Art Show will start Friday, March 11, 2022, and will end Wednesday, April 6, 2022, to allow participation in the First Wednesday Art Walk.
 For more information, visit www.jaxpubliclibrary.org.

Keli Likins may be reached at KLikins@coj.net or (904)255-6090.

- **Parks, Recreation and Community Department** – Kara Tucker, Chief of Disabled Services Division, reported the following:
 - Warren Schell playground installation is scheduled for completion by the end of March 2022.
 - Springfield Dog Park trail, fencing, and drainage modification are scheduled for completion by the end of March 2022.
 - The installation of new benches and trees along the Northbank Riverwalk is scheduled for completion by the end of April 2022.
 - Liberty Park playground replacement is currently in the design phase.
 - Parks, Recreation and Community Department is hiring for lifeguards and summer camp counselors. Please visit www.coj.net to apply.

Kara Tucker can be reached at KaraT@coj.net or (904)255-5472.

- **Military Veterans Affairs (MVA)**-Tiffany Morales, Veterans Outreach Coordinator, informed the CPAC members that the MVA is assisting veterans with filing their taxes for free by appointment only, Monday through Thursday. For more information, call (904) 255-5550.

Tiffany Morales can be reached at tmorales@coj.net or (904)255-5524.

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA)**- Cheryl Reddick provided an overview of the Acosta Bridge lighting schedule for March 2022 and reported the following:
 - JTA is currently hiring. To apply, [visit www.JTAFLA.com](http://www.JTAFLA.com).
 - JTA has partnered with DCPS to provide complimentary rides to middle and high school students until May 27, 2022, between the hours of 6 a.m. through 7 p.m. Student must show their school badges.

Cheryl Riddick can be reached at criddick@jtafla.com or (904)632-5522.

- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCCD)**: Robert Bautochka, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that in the last 30 days, MCCD completed 1,182 inspections in the Urban Core District and 16,134 inspections in the past 365 days. In February 2022, the MCCD conducted a systematic inspection in the Phoenix Neighborhood and will conduct a systematic inspection in the 29th and Chase neighborhood on April 11, 2022. The MCCD Jacksonville Assistance and Relief Program (JAR) still have funds available. The JAR Program may prevent a lien from being placed on your 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.

CPAC member Celia Miller stated that at the UC CPAC Blight and Code Enforcement meeting, there was a discussion regarding MCCD and violation citations at apartment complexes. It was noted that an apartment complex often leaves garbage cans unattended on the right of way for longer than 24 hours. CPAC member Celia Miller made a motion to request that the Urban Core CPAC, Municipal Code Compliance Division, and Public Works Department determine if an ordinance is needed to require landlords and tenants to remove their trash cans from the right of way. The motion was seconded and approved by the CPAC members.

7. **Old Business** – None
8. **New Business** – None
9. **Subcommittees:**

- **Blight and Code Enforcement:** CPAC member Keith Davis informed the CPAC members that the Blight and Code Enforcement Subcommittee met on Monday, February 28, 2022. The subcommittee would like to start an Urban Core Community Clean-Up Initiative. The cleanup initiative will include the CPAC

establishing a date for the communities in Urban Core District to come together to help keep the Urban Core District clean. CPAC member Keith Davis made a motion to allow the Urban Core Blight and Code Enforcement Subcommittee to start Urban Core Community Clean-Up Initiative for the communities in the Urban Core District. The motion was seconded; however, after much discussion, the motion failed (three members supported and four members opposed).

- **Homelessness:** No Report
- **Governmental Affairs:** CPAC member Bill Hoff reported that the subcommittee did not meet in March; there were no applications to review. CPAC member Bill Hoff resigned as the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Chair.

Chair Pryor opened the floor for a CPAC member to volunteer to be the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee Chair. CPAC Member Bryant Shumaker volunteered to be the subcommittee chair.

10. Public Comments –

- Michelle Solarek inquired whom she should speak to regarding City of Jacksonville real estate and property easements contracts.
- Linda Harris applauded SPAR Council on the work they have accomplished that benefits small businesses and homeowners in the Springfield area and asked for guidance on how to mirror the work in her community.

11. Adjourn: There was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC Meeting is Monday, April 4, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, First Floor Training Room and via Zoom.

Summary prepared by Jessica Denson, Neighborhood Coordinator, 255-8260 or Jcdenson@coj.net. 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](#).

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