

Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

October 4, 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; Bill Hoff, SPAR Council; Greg Radlinski, Parks at the Cathedral; Becca Dingler, 2nd Mile Ministries; Cindy Watson, JASMYN; Keith Davis, All Things Common Ministries, Inc.; Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A; Juanita Senior, Planet Watch Neighborhood Association; Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts; Deloris Swain, Grand Boulevard Crime Watch; Terry Canty, Planet Watch Neighborhood Association

Excused: None

Visitors: Richard Lewis; Michelle Thomas; Suzanne Pickett; Omega Allen; Greg Burton; Wayne Clark; Tyrone Clark-Murray

Staff and Elected Officials: Matt Carlucci, City Council Member, At-Large-Group 4; Warren Jones, DCPS Board Member, District 5; Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Ron Salem, At-Large, Group 4; Lt. Robert Pendley, JSO; Dana Kriznar, DCPS; Autumn Martinage, FDOT; Brian Jefferson, State Attorney's Office; Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance; Chiquita Moore, Neighborhoods; Marshelle Berry, JPL; Connor Corrigan, Planning and Development Department; Jessica Denson, Neighborhood Services Office

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Pryor called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Jessica Denson confirmed a quorum was present.
- 2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Summary:** The September 2021 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC members.
- 3. Public Comment:**
 - Gregory Burton introduced himself as the new Executive Director for School Police, Duval County Public Schools. DCPS Police Director Burton encouraged the CPAC members to contact him if students are having problems at school.

DCPS Police Director Burton can be reached at BurtonG@duvalschools.org or (904)629-5378.

4. Elected Official's Report:

- Warren Jones, Duval County School Board Member, District 5, reported the following:
 - In September 2021, the Duval County Public Schools issued a mask mandate to help decrease the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the number of school closures.
 - In December 2020, the Duval County School Board voted to explore the opportunity to relocate the school board headquarters. The board members recently issued an Intent to Negotiate with companies who are interested to purchase their current site, more information will be released in the weeks coming. The Half-Penny Voluntary Surtax will not be used to assist in relocating DCPS headquarters.

Board Member Warren Jones can be reached at [904-390-2372](tel:904-390-2372) or Jonesw2@duvalschools.org.

- Matt Carlucci, City Council Member, At- Large, Group 4, stated his duty is to serve all Duval County residents and attended the UC CPAC meeting to listen.

Council Member Carlucci can be reached at 904-255-5218 or MCarlucci@coj.net.

- Nikki Evans, Executive Council Assistant to Council Member Ronald Salem, At-Large, Group 2, reported that on October 4, 2021, Council Member Salem attended a graduation ceremony located at the Sulzbacher Center. The ceremony recognized four participants of the Mental Health Offender Pilot Program that launched in January 2021.

Nikki Evans may be reached at NEvans@coj.net or (904)255-5143.

5. **Chairs Report:** Chair Pryor announced that the UC CPAC Member Tia Keitt, Historic Eastside CDC resigned from the UC CPAC, and a replacement for the Historic Eastside CDC is in the works.

6. **Staff Reports:**

- **Neighborhoods-** Chiquita Moore, Operations Director, reported the following:
 - The Neighborhoods Department has a new brochure that consists of information on all the offices and divisions located in the Neighborhoods Department. A copy of the new brochure was provided to the in-person CPAC members.
 - The Housing and Community Development guide shows the services that are offered by the Housing and Community Development Division and a list of community partners. A copy of the guide was provided to the in-person CPAC members.
 - The City of Jacksonville Mortgage Relief Program (MRP) that began in March 2021 continues to accept applications. The program started with \$4 million but currently has an estimate of \$1.35 million remaining. To apply, go to www.myjax.custhelp.com.
 - The City of Jacksonville Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program (ERAP) is still accepting applications. To apply, go to www.coj.net/erap.com.

Operations Director Moore can be reached at chiquitam@coj.net.

- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)** – Dr. Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent, announced that on Saturday, November 6, 2021, at 10 a.m., DCPS will be hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new John Love Early Learning Center, 1531 Winthrop Street.

Deputy Superintendent Kriznar can be reached at kriznard@duvalschools.org.

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)-** Marshelle Berry reported the following:
 - JPL Main Library is currently a Regeneron Antibody Treatment Site and will be closed until further notice.
 - JPL programs are currently virtual apart from a small number of in-person programs.
 - On October 5, 2021, Florida State Representative Tracie Davis, District 13, will be the guest presenter for JPL Story Journeys located at the Pablo Creek Regional Library, 13295 Beach Blvd., at 3:30 p.m.

For more information go to www.jacksonvillepubliclibrary.org.

Marshelle Berry informed the UC CPAC members that CPAC Member Greg Radlinski sent an email expressing his concerns about the removal of metal strips located at the JPL Main Library on Monroe Street. Ms. Berry stated that the JPL did not follow the proper protocols to install the metal strips which resulted in the removal of the metal strips. CPAC Member Greg Radlinski made a motion for the UC CPAC to submit a Letter of Support to the JPL Board to reinstall metal strips in the window shelves outside the JPL Main along Monroe Street to prevent vagrants from sleeping in the window. The motion was seconded and approved by six and opposed by two UC CPAC members. The motion passed.

Marshelle Berry may be reached at mberry@coj.net or (904)255-6088.

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT):** Autumn Martinage reported the following:
 - The I-10 to I-95 Operational Improvements project; the I-95 north to I-10 west flyover is scheduled for completion in Spring 2022.
 - The I-10 Widening Project from I-295 to I-95 is scheduled to be completed in 2024
 - The Main Street and Independent Drive Ramp Demolition Project is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2021.
 - FDOT Five-Year Work Program Public Hearing is scheduled for October 28, 2021.

Autumn Martinage may be reached at (904) 360-5684 or Autumn.Martinage@dot.state.fl.us.

- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCCD):** Robert Bautochka, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that in August, MCCD completed 1,088 inspections in the Urban Core District and 16,653 inspections in the past 365 days. 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 Departments 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.

- **Neighborhood Service Office (NSO) –** Jessica Denson, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, informed the CPAC members that the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program is accepting applications. The deadline to apply is December 13, 2021, at 5 p.m. Jessica Denson forwarded the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program information to the CPAC Members.

Jessica Denson can be reached at jcdenson@coj.net or (904)255-8260

7. **Old Business –** CPAC Member Greg Radlinski stated he attended the Downtown Investment Authority (DIA) Meeting on October 4, 2021. Mr. Radlinski had the opportunity to speak with Lori Boyer, DIA Chief Executive Officer, regarding the UC CPAC having input in DIA projects before a decision has been made because DIA projects drastically affect Downtown Jacksonville residents. Chief Executive Officer Boyer instructed Greg that CPAC members should attend DIA Community Meetings to voice their concerns on forecasted DIA projects. Jessica Denson will guide the CPAC members on how to join the DIA meeting notice distribution list. CPAC member Dimitri Demopoulos volunteered to attend the meetings and report back to the UC CPAC.

8. **New Business –** None

9. **Subcommittees:**

- **Code Enforcement and Blight:** Vice-Chair Glen VanVorst reported that the Code Enforcement and Blight Subcommittee did not meet, but he followed up with CPAC member Juanita Senior two requests; request number 2021-1164 was closed on August 23, 2021; request number 2021-1169 is still open, and the estimated completion date is October 11, 2021.
- **Homelessness:** No Report
- **Nomination:** Subcommittee Chair Cindy Watson informed the CPAC members that the Nomination Subcommittee received several nominations for 2022 UC CPAC Chair and Vice-Chair positions. The subcommittee met on September 29, 2021, and has a nominee for each office. Cindy Watson reminded the CPAC members that the election will take place at November's meeting; members must be in-person to vote; only one representative from each organization can vote.
- **Governmental Affairs:** On behalf of Subcommittee Chair Bill Hoff, CPAC member Greg Radlinski reported that the subcommittee reviewed one LUZ application and made a recommendation/motion for the application. The motion is to support with stipulations of O-2021-0649 at 1352 Main Street North; RE# 070889-0000, Planned Unit Development, to permit the development of an outdoor gathering space and food truck court.

The motion was seconded and approved by the CPAC members.

10. **Public Comments –**

- CPAC Member Celia Miller stated that she noticed some of the imperative departments that affect the community do not report to the CPAC every month and suggested having Public Works Department report to the CPAC monthly to provide updates.
- Chair Pryor invited the CPAC members to attend the City Council LUZ Subcommittee meeting on October 5, 2021, to help stop the demolition of a house located in Springfield.

11. **Adjourn:** There was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC Meeting is Monday, November 1, 2021, 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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