

## Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

### September 8, 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; Bill Hoff, SPAR Council; Greg Radlinski, Parks at the Cathedral; Becca Dingler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Ministries; Cindy Watson, JASMYN; John Shermetaro, SAMBA; Keith Davis, All Things Common Ministries, Inc.; Tia Keitt, Historic Eastside CDC; Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A

**Excused:** Glen VanVorst, Vice Chair; Juanita Senior, Planet Watch Neighborhood Association; Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts

**Visitors:** Richard Lewis; Michelle Thomas; Angela Robinson; Suzanne Pickett; Veronica Brown; Solomon Krow

**Staff and Elected Officials:** Warren Jones, DCPS Board Member, District 5; Darryl Willie, DCPS Board Member, District 4; Opal Bryant, District 13 Secretary, State Representative Tracie Davis; Lt. Robert Pendley, JSO; Dana Kriznar, DCPS; Keith Meyerl, Parks; Brian Jefferson, State Attorney's Office; Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance; Cheryl Reddick, Jacksonville Transportation Authority; Marshelle Berry, JPL; Connor Corrigan, Planning and Development Department; Jessica Denson, Neighborhood Services Office

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- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Pryor called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. Jessica Denson confirmed a quorum was present.
- 2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Summary:** The August 2021 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC members.
- 3. Public Comment:** None
- 4. Elected Official's Report:**

- Opal Bryant, District Secretary to Florida State Representative Tracie Davis, District 13, provided the following updates:
  - On September 18, 2021, Representative Davis partnered with FarmShare to host a food giveaway located at Open Arms Christian Fellowship, 2763 Dunn Avenue, at 9 a.m.
  - Representative Davis will host her Annual Community Baby Shower on September 25, 2021, located at the Pearl Plaza, 5300 North Pearl Street, at 9 a.m.

Opal Bryant can be reached at (904)353-2180 or [opal.bryant@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:opal.bryant@myfloridahouse.gov).

- Warren Jones, Duval County School Board Member, District 5, reported the following:
  - Starting Tuesday, September 7, 2021, all Duval County Public School students must wear a mask. Because of the increase of COVID-19 cases, elementary school students will shift to online learning if a class has two confirmed cases within seven days.
  - The Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) will begin construction on a new elementary school located at Rutledge H. Pearson Elementary School, 4346 Roanoke Blvd in a few months, and is expected to be completed in 2023. The new school is funded by the half-penny voluntary surtax.
  - In December 2020, the Duval County School Board voted to explore the opportunity to relocate its headquarters, the board members recently issued an Intent to Negotiate with companies who are interested to purchase the site at the end of September 2021.

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

- Darryl Willie, Duval County School Board Member, District 4, reported the following:
  - DCPS has a vaccination clinic accessible for students at all DCPS secondary schools (parenteral consent is required).

- DCPS School Board is exploring the options of using the half-penny voluntary surtax at Brentwood Elementary School, 3750 Springfield Blvd, which is presently closed; the goal is to make certain vacant school buildings are not blighted. The board members are speaking with library and local nonprofits organizations to seek usage of the building.

Board Member Darryl Willie can be reached at [904-390-2374](tel:904-390-2374) or [willied@duvalschools.org](mailto:willied@duvalschools.org).

**5. Chairs Report:** Chair Pryor announced that the UC CPAC election season is approaching; the members need to form a UC CPAC Nomination Subcommittee. CPAC members Cindy Watson, William Hoff, Keith Davis volunteered to be on the subcommittee. Chair Pryor reminded the CPAC members that they are required to submit city issues to (904)630-CITY or [myjax.custhelp.com](http://myjax.custhelp.com) before bring issue to the CPAC.

**6. Staff Reports:**

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO)**-Assistant Chief Pendley provided a brief update on the recent crimes that have taken place in the downtown area. Most of the crimes are due to the increase in social activities (scooters, nightclubs, etc.) and the population of people who resides in the area. JSO has hired officers who will focus and work in the downtown area from 6 p.m.- 5 a.m., to help with the surge of activity in the downtown area.

Chief Pendley can be reached at [James.Pendley@jaxsheriff.org](mailto:James.Pendley@jaxsheriff.org)

- **Parks** – Keith Meyerl, Chief of Recreation & Community Programming reported the following:
  - Friendship Fountain Park renovations will be completed by Spring 2022.
  - Warren W. Schell Jr. Memorial Park, playground installation is scheduled for completion in Fall 2021.
  - Jacksonville Joe James Center renovations were completed in Spring 2021.
  - The floating docks along Riverfront Plaza have been completed.
  - COVID-19 vaccinations are offered at Emmett Reed Center Monday – Saturday from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
  - Swimming pools closed for the season on Monday, September 6, 2021
  - Parks is considering repurposing John N. McPherson Park by adding a food truck court.

CPAC member Celia Miller voiced her concerns that Hogan Creek Park needs to be cleaned and maintained. Keith Meyerl will forward the issue to Parks Special Committee.

CPAC member Greg Radlinski asked for an update on a park project located in front of CSX building to remove the gazebo; bulkhead repairs; project timeline and will the gazebo be replaced? Keith Meyerl will investigate the project.

Keith Meyerl can be reached at (904)255-7936 or [kmeyerl@coj.net](mailto:kmeyerl@coj.net).

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)**- Marshelle Berry reported the following:
  - The month of September is the National Library Card Sign-up Month.
  - JPL Main Library is currently a Regeneron Antibody Treatment Site and will be closed until further notice.
  - In October 2021, JPL will host community meetings to share the recommendation made by the 21st Century Urban Branch study consultants. The 21st Century Urban Branch is a study to improve five libraries in the Urban Core District (Bill Brinton Murray Hill Library, Brentwood, Dallas Graham, Brown Eastside Branch Library, and Westbrook).
  - JPL Main Library partnered with MOCA to host Art & Conversations, a series of innovative programs focused on literacy and the arts.

For more information go to [www.jacksonvillepubliclibrary.org](http://www.jacksonvillepubliclibrary.org).

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

- **Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA):** Cheryl Riddick reported the following:
  - JTA Gameday Xpress is available for the football season. Gameday Xpress is a transportation service for participants attending the Jacksonville Jaguars football games to park at one of JTA secure lots and ride to the game with ease. The service is now cashless, with passes available for purchase and use through either of two free mobile apps, MyJTA or Token Transit.
  - JTA launched a pilot program that allows full-time and part-time college students that are enrolled in degree-seeking programs at a local Jacksonville college or university to ride JTA bus services for free. This program is limited to one pass per student and is valid during the 2021 fall semester through December 31, 2021.
  - On September 27, 2021, JTA will have a bus route change that will include the launch of a brand-new service called the Orange Line. The Orange Line route will go from Downtown Jacksonville to the Orange Park Mall. Additional existing bus routes will change due to the new service route. For more information, visit [www.jtafla.com](http://www.jtafla.com).
  - JTA is currently hiring for numerous positions. To apply, go to [www.jtafla.com](http://www.jtafla.com).

Cheryl Riddick may be reached at (904) 632-5522 or [Criddick@jtafla.com](mailto:Criddick@jtafla.com).

- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCCD):** Robert Bautochka, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that in August, MCCD completed 1387 inspections in the Urban Core District and 7,673 inspections in the past 365 days in Planning District 1. 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](http://www.coj.net/departments/neighborhoods/municipal-code-compliance/jacksonville-assistance-and-relief-program)

Robert Bautochka can be reached at [RBautochka@coj.net](mailto:RBautochka@coj.net) or (904)-255-7055.

- **Neighborhood Service Office (NSO) –**Jessica Denson, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, encourage the CPAC members to participate at the International Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 18, 2021.

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

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

- **Code Enforcement and Blight:** No Report
- **Homelessness:** No Report
- **Governmental Affairs:** CPAC member Bill Hoff reported the subcommittee reviewed four LUZ applications and made recommendations/motions to the four applications. The motions are:
  - Support of E-21-46 at 1040 8th Street North; an exception to retail sales including an outdoor display; retail sales and service of beer and wine for off-premises consumption.
  - Support with Stipulation of O-2021-0573 at 806 Riverside Avenue, sign waiver, to increase the total number of signs from 1 to 3.
  - Deferral of E-21-56 at 119 8th Street West, Exception Application, Multi-Family Dwellings in the CCG-S Zoning District.
  - Deferral of AD-21-49 at 119 8th Street West, Administrative Deviation, to reduce landscape buffers and trees.

The motion was approved for the four applications by the CPAC members.

## 10. Public Comments –

- Solomon Krow, Community Engagement Coordinator at Jacksonville Urban League (JUL), Center for Advocacy and Social Justice (CASJ), informed the CPAC members that the JUL CASJ is focused on the JUL CASJ community engagement initiative and one of the primary concentrations in the Neighborhood Bill of Rights Ordinance 95-247-106. The JUL CASJ has created a Neighborhood Impact Survey to gather public opinion regarding the City of Jacksonville's communication with the neighborhoods of Jacksonville, Florida. For more information, contact Solomon Krow at [skrow@jaxul.org](mailto:skrow@jaxul.org).

**11. Adjourn:** There was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC Meeting is Monday, October 4, 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](#).