

**Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee**  
**Monday, November 2, 2025**

Hybrid Meeting: Main Public Library, 303 N. Laura St., 32202 and via ZOOM Webinar.

**Meeting Attendance**

**CPAC Members:** Chair Bryant Shumaker, SPAR Council; Vice Chair Juanita Senior, Planet Watch Neighborhood; Ernest Smith III, Northside Coalition of Jacksonville; Tiffany Clark, Parents Who Lead; Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts at East Bay Condo Assn.; Rebecca Dinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile Ministries; Marcia Ellison, New Town success Zone; Cory Haynes, JASMYN; Joni Alexandre, Groundwork Jacksonville; Marlo Zarka, Blue Zones Project – Jacksonville; Tajuana Carmichael, Parents Who lead; Bill Hoff, SAMBA.

**Excused:** Terry Canty, Planet Watch Neighborhood.

**Staff and elected Officials:** William Hanks, Municipal Code Compliance; Michele Green, Duval County Public Schools; Lieutenant Jarmar Smith, JFRD; Greg Pierce, JPL; Jennell Milton, JEA; Michael Pinckney, Solid Waste Division; Charles Gibson, Public Works.

**ZOOM:** Tiffany Morales, Military and Veterans Affairs; Paul Sapia, Health Links JAX – Telescope Health; Dennis J. Stone, Jacksonville Urban League; Charles Garrison, Planning Commission Chair; Delores Swain, Grand Boulevard Crime Watch.

**Guests:** Richard Lewis; John J. Nooney.

**Meeting Summary**

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Shumaker called the Monday, November 2, 2025, Urban Core CPAC Meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Edwina Henry verified that a quorum was present.
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Summary:** The October 6, 2025, meeting summary was accepted.
3. **Presenter:** Paul Sapia, Health Links JAX – Telescope Health
  - This is a program that came out of the Critical Quality of Life Initiative meetings that the City Council led back in 2023, looking to address the 120,000 uninsured patients in Duval County.
  - Taxpayer dollars provide access to the uninsured patients through the emergency room, which is often their main place to seek primary medical care for any type of healthcare needs.
  - A coalition of organizations put together the idea of a virtual safety net clinic. Once Mayor Deegan was elected to office, the city put out a request for proposals. Telescope Health, a local company, emerged from the Emergency Resource Group, which staffs the Baptist hospitals, St. John's Flager Hospital (now UF Flagler) and others across the Southeast, created the program, HealthLink Jax.
  - HealthLink Jax provides free 24-hour, 7-day-a-week access for any uninsured resident of Duval County, instead of them going to the emergency room or calling 911.

- Patients will call 904-925-CARE, and a live patient service representative picks up and asks basic screening questions. A link is then provided to the patient on their phone or other device, where they can connect with virtual call to a board-certified emergency room physician.
- The doctor will assess and triage the patient. The patient will be advised on where to get medications, how to follow-up with a nurse, etc. They are then connected to JaxCare Connect, which is the safety net collaborative in Duval County: nine free and charitable clinic networks, including Agape and Community Health Outreach, Sulzbacher, etc.
- This initiative was started October 7, 2024, and has successfully kept 1,000 to 1,500 away from the emergency room and avoided about \$10 million in healthcare costs to the system. The initiative has handled roughly 9,000 calls, and about 2,500 physician visits, numerous nursing consults and is working with over 70 different organizations in the community.
- HealthLink jax also works with Jacksonville’s PATH Team to address the needs of the homeless.
- Visit: [www.healthlinkjax.com](http://www.healthlinkjax.com) for more information.

**4. Elected Officials Report:** None present.

**5. Chair’s Report:** Noting that this is the last CPAC meeting of 2025, CPAC Chair Shumaker announced that refreshments were being provided at tonight’s meeting to celebrate the end of the year and the holiday season.

**6. Staff Reports:** (three-minute time limit)

- **Greg Pierce** – Jacksonville Public Library (JPL), extended the following invitations:
  - 1) An art tour of the Main Public Library during Art Walk on November 5, 2025, and then on Saturdays, and on November 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am and again at 1:30 pm.
  - 2) A Lit chat with science fiction author John Scalzi on November 15, 2025, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

**Greg Pierce** – [GPierce@coj.net](mailto:GPierce@coj.net)
- **Michele Green** – Duval County Public Schools, provided the following information  
The School Enrollment Expo will be held Saturday, November 15, 2025, at the Prime Osborn convention Center, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.  
**Michele Green** – [GreenM@duvalSchools.org](mailto:GreenM@duvalSchools.org)
- **Commander Jimmy Ricks** – JSO: Not Present.
- **Tiffany Morales** – Military and Veterans Affairs announced the following events, as part of the Season of Valor:
  - November 11, 2025 – The Veterans Day Parade
  - December 12, 2025 – The Vetrapreneur Summit (help starting a business)
  - December 13, 2025 – The Army-Navy Football Watch Party will be held at the VyStar Ball Park - a \$5 donation is requested.
  - December 13, 2025 – Wreaths Across America
  - January 23 and 24, 2026 – Homeless Veterans Stand Down, at the Jesus Prayer House.

**Tiffany Morales** – [Tmorales@coj.net](mailto:Tmorales@coj.net)

- **Jeanelle Milton** – JEA Government Relations Associate, provided a brief update on the following:
  - Regarding the former JEA Headquarters located at 21 W. Church Street. JEA is still negotiating the purchase and sale agreement with the buyer, and will go before the JEA Board for approval within the next few months.
  - JEA is partnering with the Springfield Preservation and Revitalization Organization (S.P.A.R.) for the Jacksonville Porch Fest on Saturday, November 8, 2025.
  - JEA will provide phone charging stations, as support for community revitalization and sustainability goals.
  - JEA is now accepting applications for its 2026 Internship Program. The program offers students the opportunity to gain real-world, hands-on experience while working alongside professionals. The deadline to apply for the 12-week program is November 30, 2026. Please visit: [www.jea.com/careers](http://www.jea.com/careers). Opportunities exist in the technology, environmental, engineering and the finance and accounting departments.  
**Jeanelle Milton** – [miltjl@jea.com](mailto:miltjl@jea.com)
- **William Hanks** – Municipal Code Compliance, stated that the division will be providing more education on what they do versus discussing cases. For the month of November, the discussion is focused on duplicate complaints:
  - When a complaint is entered, a code enforcement officer goes out to investigate the concern, once the initial inspection is completed, that begins the compliance clock; that is when violation notices go out. If another complaint on the same address gets entered, the newest complaint will get closed out and be referred to the initial case that was created and is being addressed – to show awareness of the concern that they it has previously and is currently being cited. This avoids having multiple cases open for the same concern.  
**William Hanks** – [whanks@coj.net](mailto:whanks@coj.net)
- **Michael Pinckney** – Solid Waste reported the following:
  - Solid Waste has a few new trucks scheduled to arrive early June 2026. They also have several new hires and are ramping up for the holiday season.  
**Michael Pinckney** – [Mpinckne@coj.net](mailto:Mpinckne@coj.net)
- **Charles Gibson** – Public Works, Chief of Building Inspection noted that he has a list of projects that Public Works is currently working on. He does not have any specific information to share but offered to answer any questions.  
**Charles Gibson** – [CGibson@coj.net](mailto:CGibson@coj.net)
- **Lieutenant Jarmar Smith** – offered household tips for holiday safety:
  - Fried Turkeys present a hazard, please be sure the turkey is fully thawed before cooking, use the fryer outside, do not overfill with oil and be vigilant with children in the vicinity.
  - Always check fire extinguishers, they should be replaced every five years.
  - Check and or replace batteries in the smoke detectors. Call 630-CITY to request smoke detectors, if needed. JFRD will install, free of charge.  
**Lieutenant Jarmar Smith** – [JarmarS@coj.net](mailto:JarmarS@coj.net)
- **Edwina Henry** – Neighborhood Services Office, had the following update:
  - The annual CPAC Chairs and Vice Chairs Training is scheduled for Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 6 pm.

- A special presentation was made to outgoing CPAC Chair, Bryant Shumaker for his year of service as CPAC Chair.
- Ms. Juanita Senior received a bouquet of lovely flowers as acknowledgement of her service as CPAC Vice Chair and Chair of the Blight Subcommittee.

**Edwina Henry** – [EHenry@coj.net](mailto:EHenry@coj.net)

**7. Old Business:** Chair Shumaker noted that letters were sent to Mayor Deegan and to the City Council regarding support for Homelessness Initiatives, as submitted by the Homelessness Subcommittee.

**8. New Business:**

- **Annual CPAC Chair and Vice Chair Elections:**
  - On the ballot for 2026 UC CPAC Chair is Ernest Smith, III. As there are no other nominations, after three solicitations, Mr. Smith is elected by unanimous consent.
  - On the ballot for 2026 UC CPAC Vice Chair is Tiffany Clark. As there are no other nominations, after three solicitations, Ms. Clark is elected by unanimous consent.
  - The election is closed.
- **Certificates of Appreciation were presented to:**  
 Michael Pinckney – Solid Waste  
 Samantha Mayor – JPL Conference Center Specialist  
 Devonne Hutchins – JPL Conference Center Specialist  
 Juanita Senior – Blight Subcommittee Chair  
*With deep gratitude and appreciation for your service and commitment to the Urban Core CPAC*

**9. Subcommittee and Liaison Reports:**

- **Governmental Affairs/Land use and Zoning Subcommittee** – Dimitri Demopoulos, Subcommittee Chair reported one application was reviewed and no action taken.
- **Blight Subcommittee** – Juanita Senior, Subcommittee Chair stated that the Subcommittee met in October and closed out another case. She reminded everyone to say something, if they see something in their daily travels and in their neighborhoods. Please take pride in where we live.
- **Homelessness Subcommittee** – Cory Haynes, Subcommittee Chair stated the subcommittee expressed concerns about the daytime activities of the homeless. They are given shelter during evening hours, but there does not seem to be any structured day time activities, which contributes to congregating on the sidewalks and other public places. Additionally, Mr. Haynes resolved to get a much earlier start in 2026 on writing to the Mayor and City council regarding support for homeless funding.
- **Taxation, Revenue & Utilization of Expenditures (T.R.U.E.) Commission** – Representative Kim Pryor was not present – No report.

**10. Public Comments and Announcements** (three-minute time limit):

- John Nooney is seeking a CPAC resolution recognizing his efforts in advancing F.I.N.D., the Florida Inland Navigation District potential land acquisitions projects.

He feels it would benefit all Duval County citizens. He thanked the CPAC for listening.

- Joni Alexandre noted that Groundworks Jacksonville will host a meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 6 pm at the St. John's Cathedral, 256 E. Church Street, to discuss the Hogan's Creek restoration. She noted that it is especially important for those in the Springfield, Eastside and Cathedral Districts neighborhoods to attend.
- Chair Shumaker reminded everyone that this is the last Urban core CPAC Meeting of 2025. The next meeting UC CPAC meeting will be Monday, January 5, 2026.

**11. Adjournment:** The November 3, 2025, Urban Core CPAC Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.