

Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee August 14, 2024, Meeting Summary

Hybrid Meeting: Jacksonville Main Public Library, 303 N. Laura Street, Conference Level, Multipurpose Room, and on ZOOM.

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Bryant Shumaker, UC CPAC Chair, SPAR Council; Juanita Senior, UC CPAC Vice Chair, Planet Watch Neighborhood Association; Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts; Ernest Smith, III, Northside Coalition of Jacksonville; Terry Canty, Planet Watch Neighborhood; Bill Hoff, SAMBA.

Excused: Marcia Ellison, New Town Success Zone; Deloris and Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard Crime Watch; Rev. Keith Davis, All Things Common Ministries; Hayley Spring, Blue Zones Project – Jacksonville.

ZOOM: Cory Haynes, JASMYN; Kim Pryor, Preservation SOS; Kelly Frazier, Northside Coalition of Jacksonville; Dennis Stone; Bruce Forest; Sach Patel; Ariane Randolph, Historic Eastside.

Elected Officials and Staff: The Honorable Darryl Willie, Duval County School Board Member; Michael Wilson, MCCD; Dr. Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent, Duval County Public Schools; Erin Abney, Planning and Development Department; Captain Charles Johnson, JFRD; Greg Pierce, Jacksonville Public Library; Jennell Milton, JEA; Lisa Ransom, Neighborhood Services Office; Edwina Henry, Neighborhood Services Office.

Guests: Paul Houchens, Parks at the Cathedral HOA; Latrice Carmichael, Parents Who Lead; Tiffany Clark, Parents Who Lead.

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Shumaker called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. Edwina Henry verified that a quorum was present.
- 2. Approval of Previous Meeting Summary:** The CPAC Members approved the June 3, 2024, meeting summary.
- 3. Presenter:** None.
- 4. Elected Officials Report:** The Honorable Darryl Willie, School Board Member, Duval County Public Schools (DCPS), provided the following updates:
 - The Duval County Public School Board voted to hire Dr. Christopher Bernier as School Superintendent.
 - Duval County School Board Member Willie gave accolades to Dr. Dana Krizner, and her leadership team, for doing such an excellent job. 91% of Duval County Schools have A, B or C ratings, which is a major feat.
 - The School Board has asked a consultant to review the proposed school closure plan and to look at how best to work within the budget. No schools will be closed this year.

- Community meetings are occurring in each of the school board districts for feedback and input.
- There is a new DCPS Cell Phone Policy, “if students possess a wireless communication device, it must be turned off and kept out-of-sight” inside a pocket, book bag, purse, or similar container, unless authorized by the principal/designee or teacher.” www.duvalschools.org/conduct
- August 12, 2024, schools reopened, and transportation remains the biggest issue. The Duval County School District is advertising for more school bus drivers.
- The Honorable Darryl Willie also spoke on the importance of student attendance and how attendance impacts per student funding.
- The Duval Schools App is new this year and streamlines everything parents need to stay connected with their child’s school and Duval Schools. For more information, go to: <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/app>

The Honorable Darryl Willie (904) 390-2374 or willied@duvalschools.org

5. Chair’s Report: Chair Shumaker stated the following:

- As a reminder, please keep the comments and staff reports down to three minutes, when possible.
- CPAC Chairs will be meeting with Mayor Deegan’s Staff on Friday, September 13, 2024, please forward any concerns you would like addressed to Chair Shumaker or to Edwina Henry, by September 6, 2024.
- As a reminder, please utilize our Urban core CPAC Blight Subcommittee to share your blight concerns as much as possible, so that those items can be handled at the subcommittee level as opposed to during the full CPAC meeting. Please send those concerns to either Ms. Senior or Mr. Ernest Smith.
- The Urban Core CPAC membership is growing. We currently have 14 member organizations and one pending membership nomination, which is great.
- Hurricane/Storm Debby caused us to reschedule our regular CPAC Meeting of 8/5/2024 to tonight 8/14/2024, and as a result, some members were unable to attend tonight’s meeting due to scheduling conflicts, so I really appreciate those of you who showed up.

6. Staff Reports:

JSO – Not Present.

JEA - Jennell Milton, Government Relations Coordinator, shared that the storm caused over 111,000 power outages, but JEA was ready to respond.

- JEA line crews worked hard throughout and after the storm to restore any outages as quickly as possible.
- To report power outages, call JEA customer service (904) 665-6000,
- The National Weather Service predicts more storms than normal this so, Ms. Milton reiterated JEA’s Restoration 1, 2, 3 Process:
 - Phase I – Public Safety, critical services have priority restoration.
 - Phase II – Individual Customers on major circuits with the highest number of outages.
 - Phase III – Final Repairs, after all major circuits are complete. JEA will target the isolated outages.

- There are three (3) ways to report power outages:
 - Call JEA Customer Service at (904) 665-6000
 - On the JEA Website at www.JEA.com/outages
 - Or TEXT OUT to MyJEA (69532)
- Ms. Milton reminded everyone to please stay away from downed power lines and be safe.
- On Friday, August 23, 2024, JEA will host its first combined Jacksonville Small and Emerging Businesses and Diverse Suppliers, at the Schultz Center – 4019 Boulevard Center Dr., 32207, from 9 am to 4 pm [2024.08.23 JSEB and Supplier Summit | Events | JEA](#) for more information. This is a free event.

Jennell Milton (904) 665-5102 or miltjl@jea.com

JPL – Greg Pierce, Library Manager, announced the following activities:

- Book Fest will take place at the Main Library on September 20 and 21, 2024
- Books by Mail is a new program, designed to assist people who are unable to come to the library. Books can be mailed to them free of charge, for Duval County residents with a library card. They can receive up to five items. Brochures are on the registration table by the door. For more information call (904) 255-BOOK or www.jaxpubliclibrary.org.
- The Memory Lab has different way to digitize your memories, photos, voice messages etc. The service is growing in popularity.

Greg Pierce – (904) 262-6068 or GPierce@coj.net

Public Works – Not Present.

MCCD – Mike Wilson, Zone 1 Code Compliance Supervisor, reported the following:

- Since July, Zone 1 has completed 1,211 total inspections;
- Cited 620 Nuisance Violations (i.e. overgrown vegetation, trash, etc.);
- Conducted 68 Vacant Structure Board-Ups;
- Tagged 37 Junk Vehicles;
- Conducted 26 Commercial Inspections at commercial properties;
- Included in the 1,200 inspections were dead and dying trees and snipe/litter sign removals. Supervisor Wilson has placed brochures on Junk and Abandoned Vehicles on the registration table by the door.
- Supervisor Wilson was invited by Ms. Senior to attend the next UC CPAC Blight Subcommittee Meeting to discuss the process of forwarding a complaint to Mowing and Landscaping. She would like to know why it took from May 30th to July 26th and whether there is something the CPAC can do to facilitate changes in the lengthy process.

Mike Wilson – (904) 219-2718 or MPWilson@coj.net

JFRD - Captain Charles Johnson, Fire Prevention Division, is assigned to the Fire Plan Review Office. He is the Certificate of Use Officer, reviews architectural plans to ensure they meet code requirements, etc.

- Captain Johnson spoke on the recent hurricane threat and reminded everyone to use the JAX Ready App to receive critical information.
- He reminded everyone about the use of smoke detectors and to contact 630-CITY to request one if needed.

Captain Charles Johnson – (904) 255-8560 or JohnsonC@coj.net

Neighborhood Services Office (NSO) - Edwina Henry, Neighborhood Coordinator, provided an update on the following:

- Ms. Henry acknowledged the presence of Neighborhood Services Manager, Lisa Ransom.
- New CPAC Members were reminded to register for their Ethics Training. The next training session is September 19, 2024, via ZOOM and the last training session for 2024 will be November 21, 2024.
- Ethics training is mandated for new board and commission members within six (6) months of appointment, then every four (4) thereafter. Current CPAC Members who are not sure of their status should contact Ms. Henry.
- Ms. Henry extended thanks to all six (6) of the CPAC Chairs for completing the monumental task of evaluating all 22 of the Neighborhood Award submissions this year. This was a record number of submissions.
- Neighborhood Award Finalists will be notified in October, and NSO will be sending out a “Save the Date” card for the November 7, 2024, Neighborhood Awards Program, which will be held at the Main Public Library, in the Auditorium.
- The Schedule for the Nominations Subcommittee is as follows: September, the subcommittee is formed. October the subcommittee meets to develop the slate of candidates for the 2025 CPAC Chair and Vice Chair. November the elections are held.

Edwina Henry – (904) 255-8260 or EHenry@coj.net

7. Old Business – None.

8. New Business – None.

9. Subcommittees and Liaison Reports:

- **Governmental Affairs** – Dimitri Demopoulous, Subcommittee Chair. The subcommittee reviewed two items. No action was taken.
- **Blight Subcommittee** – Juania Senior, Subcommittee Chair. The subcommittee will meet on August 15, 2024. MCCD and Mowing and Landscaping Division of Public Works are invited to the subcommittee meeting to discuss the length of time and process for moving a blight complaint from one division to another.
- **Homelessness Subcommittee** – Cory Haynes, Subcommittee Chair. The subcommittee would like to reach out to the various shelters and service providers to tour their facilities and gain a better understanding of services that are available. The subcommittee is currently working with a representative from Sulzbacher to arrange a tour.
- **T.R.U.E. Commission** – Kim Pryor, Representative. No report.

10. Public Comments and Announcements (three-minute time limit): None.

11. Adjournment: It was properly moved and seconded. Meeting adjourned.