

Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

November 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, Preservation SOS; Terry Canty, Planet Watch Neighborhood Association; Keith Davis, All Things Common Ministries, Inc.; Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts at East Bay Condo Association; Becca Dingler, 2nd Mile Ministries; Marcia Ellison, New Town Success Zone; Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.; Greg Radlinski, Parks at the Cathedral; Cathy Reed, Parks at the Cathedral; Juanita Senior, Planet Watch Neighborhood Association; Bryant Shumaker, SPAR Council; Ernest Smith, Plaza Condominiums; Cindy Watson, JASMYN;

Excused:

Visitors: Maggie Fernandez; Shakeia Curtis; Omega Allen; Kevin ML; Richard Lewis

Staff and Elected Officials: The Honorable Darryl Willie, Duval County Public School Board; Chris Billings, Code Compliance; Thomas Register, Code Compliance; Charles Johnson, JFRD; Gregory Pierce, JPL; Lt. Ryan Walker, JSO; Jennell Milton, JEA; Lisa Ransom, NSO; Jennifer Pope, NSO; Connor Corrigan, Planning and Development Department; Michael Pickney, Public Works

Meeting Summary

- **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Pryor called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Lisa Ransom confirmed a quorum was present.
- **Approval of Previous Meeting's Summary:** The October 2022 meeting summary was approved by the CPAC members.
- **Presenter:** No presentation
- **Public Comment:** Kim Pryor reminded the CPAC that her term as CPAC Chair has ended. Chair Pryor wanted to show her appreciation to the CPAC and brought refreshments for all to enjoy. The CPAC took a short break.
- **Elected Official's Report:**
 - **Darryl Willie, Duval County School Board Member, District 4** – provided the following updates:
 - The Duval County Public School Board Members did contribute to the redistricting map that was previously mentioned.
 - The scores of the National Test of Education Process have arrived. DCPS has maintained their level of scores through the pandemic and the school board is proud of those efforts.
 - Candidates for Teachers of the Year have been submitted.
 - Dr. Diana Green finished in the top 8 in the National Superintendent of the Year contest.
 - DCPS has plans to relocate their headquarters off the St. Johns River. By the end of the year more details will be available.
 - On Saturday January 7, 2023, there will be a Saturday Showcase at each of the public schools in Duval County.
 - The funds generated from the recent Sales Tax increase is actively funding many projects throughout the school district. All schools are receiving security upgrades and some schools will be rebuilt.

Darryl Willie – 904-390-2374 or willied@duvalschools.org

Chairs Report: Chair Pryor reminded the CPAC that the State of Florida has deemed the 2023 City Council Redistricting maps as unconstitutional. Chair Pryor brought a new map that reflects changes made; there were a few changes within the Urban Core District. The map will be submitted on November 8, 2022. Everyone was encouraged to review the new map.

● **Staff Reports:**

- **JSO** – Lt. Ryan Walker provided the following updates:
 - Overall, crime in Zone 1 is down except for auto theft.
 - Much of the auto theft can be attributed to social media demonstrating how Kia and Hyundai vehicles can be started without a key. In addition, these vehicles are also having their catalytic converters stolen. If you own a Kia or Hyundai, please take precautions to protect the vehicles.

- There are new traffic patterns around the stadium, please be observant and careful while driving in that area.
- If you plan to attend the annual Agricultural Fair, concerts, sporting events or other events near the stadium, be careful where you park your car. Unfortunately, many of the unsecured lots have experienced problems with auto burglaries.

Zone 1 Substation – 904-630-8144 or JSOZone1@jaxsheriff.org

- **Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (JFRD)**- Charles Johnson, Fire Captain Prevention 40, Everyone was encouraged to change their batteries in their smoke detectors and to be mindful of the location/age of their home fire extinguishers. Mayor Curry has a smoke alarm program if you need a smoke alarm, please call 630-CITY to request one.

Captain Johnson can be reached at johnsonc@coj.net

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)**- on behalf of Keli Likins, Greg Pierce announced students who are currently enrolled at FSCJ can borrow a laptop and/or hotspot for use throughout a full academic term. The laptop/hotspot is available on a first-come, first-served basis at these Jacksonville Public Library locations:

- Charles Webb Wesconnett Regional
- Bradham and Brooks Branch
- Highlands Regional
- Pablo Creek Regional
- Bill Brinton Murray Hill
- Main Library
- Please note: Only one laptop and/or hotspot is issued per library account. Check out and return must be done at the same location. Laptops will be available for holds placement but may only be checked out at the laptop's or hotspot's home location. Laptops/hotspots are not transported through delivery from one library location to another.

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

- **JEA–Janell Milton** acknowledged that the price of natural gas is at a 15 year high nationally, thus driving up the cost of electricity locally. As soon as the cost of natural gas goes down, that reduction will be passed on to JEA customers. If you are having problems paying your electric bill, please call JEA at 904-665-6000 to set up a payment plan.

Everyone was reminded that JEA will never ask you to pay with a prepaid debit card or call you to give you a warning that your power will be turned off. There is never a single notification (much less an one hour notice) that your power will be turned off.

Janell Milton may be reached at 904-665-6000

- **Public Works – one behalf of Will Williams**, Michael Pickney, Solid Waste Superintendent provided the following updates:
 - Announce that Will Williams has received a promotion and is now the Acting Operations Director of the Public Works Department.
 - The Public Works Department will focus on preparation for the upcoming tropical storm, by collecting debris on the side of the road.
 - Solid Waste has filled all their open positions and is waiting on parts to have all the trash/recycling trucks up and running. In addition, Public Works will be receiving 4 new trash trucks.

Michael Pickney may be reached at MPinckne@coj.net or 904-255-7500

- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCCD)** – Chris Billings reported that in the past 30 days, MCCD completed 1,534 inspections in the Urban Core District.

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

- **Neighborhood Services Office (NSO)**- Lisa Ransom provided an overview of the Neighborhood Awards Program that was held on October 20, 2022, 6:00 pm at the Mary Singleton Center. Ms. Ransom also announced that a new coordinator is scheduled to join the team and will be at the January meeting.

Rosemary Wesolowski may be reached at rosemary@coj.net or (904) 255-8261

- **Old Business** – Member Celia Miller asked Ms. Milton about the in operable streetlights along Myrtle Avenue (between Kings Road South and Moncrief Road); what is the status on the repair? Ms. Milton stated she would research the situation.
- **New Business** –
 - Chair Pryor stated that she just became aware that the UC CPAC does not have a TRUE Commission representative. Chair Pryor stated that she would like to serve as the Urban Core CPAC TRUE Commission representative. There was some discussion about the function and purpose of the TRUE Commission. After the discussion, the Urban Core CPAC members verbally supported Chair Pryor serving as their TRUE Commission representative.

Subcommittees:

- **Nomination Subcommittee:** Dimitri Demopoulos presented the slate of officers to the full CPAC and a call for nominations from the floor was called three times. No nominations were made from the floor. The election ballots were distributed, the CPAC members voted, the ballots were collected and tallied. The winners were announced. Bryant Shumaker will serve as the 2023 Urban Core CPAC Chair and Juanita Senior will serve as the 2023 Urban Core CPAC Vice Chair.
- **Blight and Code Enforcement:** Pastor Keith Davis - no report
- **Homelessness:** Cindy Watson – no report
- **Governmental Affairs:** Bryant Shumaker – the subcommittee reviewed one application, but no action or motion was made.

Public Comments –

- Connor Corrigan, Planning and Development Department, informed the CPAC that the Planning and Development Department is working with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and a local Technology Planning Team to assess broadband (internet) access for Jacksonville's citizens and businesses. There are two surveys, one for citizens and one for businesses. Everyone was encouraged to participate in the survey. Hardcopies of the surveys were available for all in attendance.
- Kim Pryor shared information about the community meeting that will be held in the New Town Success Zone.
- **Adjourn:** There was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC Meeting is Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, First Floor Training Room and via Zoom.

Summary prepared by Rosemary Wesolowski, Neighborhood Coordinator, 255-8261 or rosemary@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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