

Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

April 4, 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; Bryant Shumaker, SPAR Council; Becca Dinger, 2nd Mile Ministries; Keith Davis, All Things Common Ministries, Inc.; Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts; Terry Canty, Planet Watch Neighborhood Association; Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard Crime Watch; Glen VanVorst, Plaza Condominium Association; Bill Hoff, SAMBA; Celia Miller, Good Neighbor M.A.N.I.A.; Ernest Smith III, Plaza Condominium Association; Cindy Watson, JASMYN; Cathy Reed, Parks at the Cathedral

Excused: Greg Radlinski, Vice Chair

Visitors: Richard Lewis; Marcia Ellison; Laura Lane; Hector Zayas; Nashon Nicks; Barbara Beaman; Brenda Ford; Barbara Sanchez; Sarah Wilson-Kraft; Temisha Hill; Terrance Sessoms Sr.

Staff and Elected Officials: Opal Bryant, Executive Assistant to Florida State Representative Tracie Davis, District 13; Dana Kriznar, DCPS; Robert Bautochka, Municipal Code Compliance; Keli Likins, JPL; Bradley Shivers, JSO; Derek Dixon, FDOT; Kiara Nixon, State Attorney's Office; Charles Johnson, JFRD; Chiquita Moore, Neighborhoods Department; Lisa Ransom, Neighborhood Services Office; Jessica Denson, Neighborhood Services Office; Connor Corrigan, Planning and Development

Meeting Summary

- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Chair Pryor called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Jessica Denson confirmed a quorum was present.
- 2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Summary:** The March 2022 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, announced that Representative Davis will host a series of hybrid town hall meetings; the first meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Opal Bryant will forward the flyer to the CPAC members.

Opal Bryant can be reached at Opal.bryant@myfloridahouse.gov or (904) 353-2180.

- 5. Chairs Report:** Chair Pryor provided an overview of the Neighborhood Bills of Rights Ordinance number 95-247-106. Jessica Denson will forward a copy of the Neighborhood Bills of Rights to the UC CPAC Members.
- 6. Staff Reports:**
 - Neighborhoods Department-** Chiquita Moore, Operations Director, informed the CPAC members that the Mortgage Relief Program (MRP) still has funding available. To apply, visit www.myjax.custhelp.com. Operations Director Moore reminded the CPAC Members curbside recycling resumed Monday, April 4, 2022.

Operations Director Moore can be reached at (904)255-8902 or chiquitaM@coj.net.

- Jacksonville Sheriff Office (JSO)-** Assistant Chief Bradley Shivers informed the CPAC members that the overall crime rate in the Urban Core District is low and reminded the CPAC members to lock their vehicles to prevent auto burglaries. Assistant Chief Shivers announced that JSO is spearheading a cleanup campaign to assist with the removal of homelessness camps located in the Downtown Area.

Assistant Chief Bradley Shivers can be reached at Charles.shivers@jaxsheriff.org.

- Jacksonville Fire and Rescue (JFRD)-** Charles Johnson, Fire Captain Prevention 40, informed the CPAC members that he is the CPAC point of contact for JFRD. Captain Johnson reminded the CPAC members to change their smoke detector batteries every six months. Residents may call (904) 630- CITY (2489) for assistance with their smoke detectors.

Fire Captain Johnson can be reached at johnsonc@coj.net.

- **Duval County Public Schools (DCPS)**-Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent, reported the following:
 - On Tuesday, April 12, 2022, DCPS will seek the City Council's approval to add the one millage ad valorem tax increase to the August 2022 ballot.
 - Bids to purchase the DCPS School Board Building will be closed Wednesday, April 6, 2022.
 - DCPS kindergarten enrollment for the school year 2022-2023 begins on Monday, May 2, 2022.
 - DCPS is currently accepting applications for the 2022 Summer Boost Program.
 - Florida Statewide Assessment (FSA) Writing test begins Monday, April 4, 2022.
 - On Saturday, March 26, 2022, the DCPS partnered with LIFT Jax and Eastside Coalition in installing a community garden at John Love Elementary School, 1531 Winthrop Street.

Please visit www.dcps.duvalschools.org , for more information.

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

- **Jacksonville Public Library (JPL)**-Keli Likins announced that the JPL Main is hosting a Lit Chat Event with Rahman Johnson, a local author, in honor of Celebrate National Poetry Month. The event will be on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.jaxpubliclibrary.org.

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

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)** – Derek Dixon reported the following:
 - The I-10/I-95 operational improvement project is expected to be completed in Fall 2022.
 - The shared-use path on the Fuller Warren Bridge is expected to be opened to the public once the I-10/I-95 operational improvement project is completed.
 - Starting Friday, April 8, 2022, Lane Avenue is scheduled for full closure under I-10; due to the I-10 Widening Project.

Derek Dixon can be reached at Derek.Dixon@dot.state.fl.us or (904)360-5653.

- **Neighborhood Services Office (NSO)**-Lisa Ransom, Neighborhood Services Manager, announced that the 2022 Neighborhood Awards Program will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at the Mary Singleton Senior Center, 150 East 1st Street, from 6 -8 p.m. The theme is "Make Every Connection Count" The last day to apply for the 2022 Neighborhood Awards Program will be Friday, June 3, 2022. Call (904) 255-8250 for more information.

Lisa Ransom provided a brief overview of the NSO Cleanup Directory and announced that CPAC meetings in the future will be a pickup site for cleanup supplies.

Lisa Ransom can be reached at (904) 255-7834 or lransom@coj.net.

- **Municipal Code Compliance (MCCD)**: Robert Bautochka, Code Compliance Supervisor, reported that in the last 30 days, MCCD completed 1,470 inspections in the Urban Core District and 17,666 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 Department 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.

- **State Attorney's Office (SAO)** – Kiaira Nixon, Coordinator, Community Crimes Strategies Unit, announced that the SAO is hosting a Seal or Expunge Your Arrest Event on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, from 4 p.m.- 7 p.m. The event will be located at the FSCJ Downtown Campus, Advanced Technology Center T140, 401 West State Street. Pre-registration is required. For more information, visit www.sao4th.com.

Kiaira Nixon can be reached at KNixon@coj.net or (904)255-2787.

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

- **Blight and Code Enforcement:** CPAC member Keith Davis informed the CPAC members that the Blight and Code Enforcement Subcommittee met on Monday, March 21, 2022, and provided an overview of the meeting.
- **Homelessness:** No Report

- **Governmental Affairs:** CPAC member Bryant Shumaker reported that the subcommittee reviewed two applications; no recommendations were made.

10. Public Comments –

- Hector Zayas seeks out the CPAC members advice with reopening the Main Street Food Truck Park, 1352 North Main Street.

11. Adjourn: There was a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC Meeting is Monday, May 2, 2022, 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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