

Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

October 7, 2019 Meeting Summary

Ed Ball Building, 214 W. Adams St.

Meeting Attendance

CPAC Members: Michelle Tappouni, Chair; Kim Pryor, Vice Chair; Becca Dingler, 2nd Mile Ministries; Dimitri Demopoulos, Churchwell Lofts; Delores Swain, Grand Boulevard Crime Watch; Cindy Watson, JASMYN; Greg Radlinski, Parks at the Cathedral; Juanita Senior, Planet Watch Neighborhood; Glen VanVorst, The Plaza; Johnny Swain, Grand Boulevard Crime Watch.

Excused: Tia Keitt, Eastside Community Coalition; Brenda Boydston, Fresh Ministries; Cathy Reed, Parks at the Cathedral.

Visitors: Richard Lewis, Berkman Plaza; John Shermetaro, SPAR; James Berry; Josephine Riley; William Hoff.

Staff and Elected Officials: Alexander Traversa, JTA; Cheryl Freeman, JTA; Samuel Newby, City Council Member at Large Group 5; Kortney Wesley, U.S. Senator Al Lawson's Office; Chiquita Moore, Neighborhood Services; Gary Roberts, Municipal Code Compliance; Dana Kriznar, Duval County Public Schools; Derek Dixon, Florida Department of Transportation; Stephanie Miller, Jacksonville Public Library; Sgt. Mark Campanaro, JSO; Cheryl Reddick, JTA; Amy Holliman, Neighborhood Services Office; James Carroll, Public Works; Brian Phelps, Public Works.

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- 1. Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** CPAC Chair Michelle Tappouni called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and staff confirmed a quorum.
- 2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Summary:** Kim Pryor motioned to approve the August 5, 2019 CPAC meeting summary, Glen Van Vorst seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Presentation:** JTA's Cheryl Riddick, Community Engagement Manager (CRiddick@jtafla.com: 632-5522), reported that new fares took effect on September 30, 2019 but discounts are available if tickets are purchased through the MyJTA app. Downloads for both iOS (Apple) and Android formats are available at jtafla.com. She introduced Alexander Traversa and Cheryl Freeman with JTA's Ultimate Urban Circulator or U²C Planning Team. After 25 years of service, the Skyway is due for an update. The U²C will expand into adjacent neighborhoods and the new Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center (JRTC). New vehicles will be incorporated and the Skyway will be renovated to remove the center beam to create a flat surface. Autonomous vehicles will provide the additional transportation into neighborhoods and other areas of interest like TIAA Stadium and UF Shands Hospital. To continue gathering input, a survey on the U²C is available at u2c.jtafla.com.

4. Elected Officials Report:

- Samuel Newby, City Council Member At Large Group 5 (SNewby@coj.net: 630-1387), reported that he is pleased with the Mayor's 2020 budget. Highlight of which include \$30 million for the Kids Hope Alliance and \$400 million for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. \$1.3 million has been allocated for the Cure Violence Program and \$285,000 for workforce development at the Emmett Reed Center. Ordinance 2019-0644 was proposed by Council member LeAnna Cumber to immediately shut down the adult arcades that Ordinance 2019-0209 deemed a public nuisance and slated for closure by February 1, 2020. Update: Since this meeting, the ordinance was passed and all arcades have been sent an order to cease and desist. Delores Swain asked what could be done about the homeless who have taken up residence in McPherson Park. Council Member Newby responded that JSO has the power to remove them, but there needs to be a place for them to go. There was also conversation about the sale of JEA and the perception of violations to the Sunshine Law.
- Kortney Westley, District Director for U.S. Representative Al Lawson, (Kortney.Wesley@mail.house.gov) reported that their offices are now in City Hall on the second floor along with the offices of State Representatives Kim Daniels and Jason Fischer. Rep. Lawson's District #5 serves eight counties; Duval, Gadston, Baker, Columbia, Hamilton, Jefferson, Maddison, and Leon. Rep Lawson serves on the Agriculture, Small Business and Financial Services Committees.

5. **Chair's Report:** Michelle Tappouni reported that CPAC Chairs had their quarterly meeting with Brian Hughes the City's Chief Administrative Officer. At the meeting, they spoke about McPherson Park at 510 8th St W, which may be affected by a plan to address drainage issues in Springfield. This may also affect the homeless who have taken up residence in the park. At the meeting, she reiterated the need to update the CPAC Executive Order and gave several examples of issues that have come up that need addressed. Chair Tappouni asked if Juanita Senior and Becca Dinger would consider co-chairing the Nominating Subcommittee. They agreed and Cindy Watson also agreed to serve on the subcommittee. Chair Tappouni announced that we will have a December meeting since the September meeting was canceled due to Hurricane Dorian. The meeting will be Monday, December 2, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building training room.

6. Staff Reports

- **Jacksonville Public Library:** Stephanie Miller, Librarian (SStokes@coj.net: 630-2962), reported on the programs at the Main Library for October and November. Local authors interested in having a table at Jax Book Fest 2020 can apply to have a table through the JPL Foundation at jplfoundation.org. Jax Book Fest is February 29, 2020 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street. Please jaxpubliclibrary.org for books, music movies and more.

- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office:** Sgt. Mark Campanaro, Patrol and Enforcement Zone 1 (Mark.Campanaro@jaxsheriff.org; 630-8150), reported that violent crimes and auto burglaries in Zone 1 have trended downward in the last seven days. There were 24 drug arrests and eight liquor related arrests in the past seven days. Field Interview Reporting has produced 11 reports of mental illness in the past seven days; however, there were 771 in the previous year in Zone 1. There were 32 incidents of trespassing in Zone 1 in the last seven days and 1,882 for the year. JSO is working on assisting homeless individuals with mental illness through Baker Acting, which provides temporary help. The transient population requires a tremendous amount of resources from JSO. City Parks are closed from sunset to sunrise. If you see people in the parks at those times, please report it to JSO through 911 or the police nonemergency number at 630-0500.
- **Neighborhoods:** Chiquita Moore, Operations Director (ChiquitaM@coj.net; 255-8902), reported that the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program is open for applications through November 2019. Training classes will be offered Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 2 p.m., Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 6 p.m. and Tuesday, November 19 at both 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. For more information contact Shaun Rycroft at srycroft@coj.net or 255-8272. Last weekend, October 4-6 2019 at the Mega Pet Adoption held in the Jacksonville Fairgrounds, 187 animals were adopted and 25 were fostered. Please help get the word out about Jacksonville Animal Care and Protective Services adoptions services so the shelter can retain it's no kill shelter status. Adoptable pets can be found on the City's website coj.net.
- **Florida Department of Transportation:** Derek Dixon, Transportation Systems Coordinator (derek.dixon@dot.state.fl.us; 360-5653), announced that the Stockton Street ramp heading east will be temporarily closed for improvements. The Fuller Warren Bridge (I-95 over the St. Johns River) will perform beam setting construction this month in preparation for the addition of a pedestrian walkway. Detailed information on FDOT projects can be found at your10and95.com and nflroads.com.
- **Duval County Public School:** Dana Kriznar, Deputy Superintendent (kriznard@duvalschools.org; 390-2046), reported that weather makeup days will begin this month. October 21, 2019 is the first makeup day. Please check the updated DCPS calendar available online at dcps.duvalschools.org. DCPS is proud to host The National Art School Network Annual Conference on October 22-25 2019 at the Downtown Hyatt. The Raines Ribault Football Classic is this weekend in Ribault Stadium. The game kicks off at 2 p.m. and will be televised on WJCT Channel 4. To encourage mindfulness and stop bullying, wear orange for Unity Day on October 23, 2019 to increase awareness. Through a settlement with Sprint, senior students can receive a free hotspot. More information is available on the DCPS website dcps.duvalschools.org.
- **Municipal Code Compliance:** Gary Roberts, Code Compliance Supervisor (GDRoberts@coj.net; 255-7057), reported that Zone 1 completed 3,561 inspections last

month with almost two thirds of them nuisance cases. A systematic inspection began in Mid-Westside today. Juanita Senior asked about the abandoned mobile home that still has no electricity, water, and has not been secured at 811 W. 18th St.

7. Public Comments:

- Becca Dinger announced that Second Mile Ministries will hold its 11th Family Fall Festival from 1-6 p.m. near Jacksonville Housing Authority's Brentwood Lakes offices at 761 Village Lakes Boulevard. A health fair, food trucks and several family services will be on site. There will also be a "Trunk or Treat" event for the kids. Donations of water and candy are welcome.
- Michelle Tappouni announced that the Springfield Porch Fest is November 9, 2019 from noon to 9 p.m. There will be 20 bands on 20 porches. The event is free. Food, drinks and T-shirts will be available for purchase during the event.
- Dimitri Demopoulos announced that Downtown Dwellers will hold a celebration in honor of the renovated building on the Southbank Riverwalk near the Lone Sailor Statue. The event is \$20 on from 5:30-7:30 p.m. this Friday, October 11, 2019.
- Greg Radlinski reported that the bricks that were removed from around the trees need to be replaced at 308 E. Ashley St. They were removed by the City about nine months ago when the trees were replaced.

8. Adjourn: Chair Michelle Tappouni adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC Meeting is Thursday, November 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, First Floor Training Room, 214 N. Hogan St. 32202

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](#).