

Annual Report

2008



Like every city, Jacksonville has its challenges - and determining how to face those challenges is the role of Jacksonville Community Council Inc. (JCCI).

Every day, JCCI brings people together to learn about pressing issues in our community and to find solutions - all with the goal of making Jacksonville a great place to live.

JCCI is ... citizens building a better community.

Letter from the Board President



Soon after moving to the First Coast (nearly 20 years ago) I began to get involved with JCCI. I instantly discovered JCCI was the place where concerned citizens come together to discuss and to act on issues of importance to the entire community.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as JCCI's 32nd Board President during fiscal year 2007-08. But it has also been challenging, as the external environment changed dramatically, not only for JCCI but for almost everyone in the nonprofit, public and private sectors. I do not need to detail the litany of perturbations in the economy or legislative changes that have created uncertainty and impacted every family and every sector of our region – public, private and nonprofit.

Yet within this environment, JCCI has continued its vital work through its core functions of research, citizen engagement, advocacy and leadership development. As a health professional and advocate for children, I was personally and professionally delighted to see JCCI take on infant mortality in Jacksonville as its 68th community study. This study was unique in at least two ways. First, it was chosen as the annual study because professionals in the field were advocating strongly for a community-based solution to a seemingly intractable problem. Thus, we began the study with total support from the medical and healthcare communities - a collaborative partnership that has carried into the implementation phase of this study. The second unique factor was this was the first community study in decades that had no city funding to support it due to cuts in Public Service Grant funds. As a result, JCCI turned to local foundations and private individuals to help us complete our mission. We are immensely grateful for the strong support we received; including a lead challenge grant from the Weaver Family Foundation to help us reach our goal. Howard Korman led the infant mortality study committee to a very successful conclusion in May 2008. I look forward to the coming two years of advocacy to implement the recommendations of the study, under the leadership of Tom Rodgers.

Other highlights of my year included the release of the 2007 Race Relations Progress Report and Quality of Life Progress Report. It was wonderful to have the release of the Race Relations Progress Report done in conjunction with this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast.

Review committee chair Bill Bond presented the report with passion and clarity. It was a message of progress and of promises yet to be fulfilled. Ron Autrey led the review committee for the 2007 Quality of Life Progress Report and presented the results of his committee's review to the Mayor and the community at a well-attended release at the Main Library. His committee's message was one of concern over economic uncertainties, educational attainment, and public safety. He noted, however, that there is no issue reflected in the Quality of Life Report that government, business or the nonprofit sector are not already addressing. But bending the trend lines requires full community engagement with no one standing on the sidelines.

I offer a special salute to JCCI Forward, our leadership program for the next generation of community stewards. Under chair Michael Connolly's leadership they undertook a very busy schedule of trainings, issue forums, mystery guest luncheons, and socials. Activities ranged from urban safaris in downtown Jacksonville to forums exploring visions for Jacksonville's future. Their program year culminated with a forum on Women in Leadership and the political balance. It was a packed house with standing room only; hopefully a harbinger of more women running for public office in the future.

An additional highlight of the year has been the completion of our Strategic Plan review. The new plan calls for even greater community outreach by JCCI, more frequent convening of the community to learn about and discuss a wide range of important topics impacting our local quality of life. The recent 4-part Summer School Series on health inequities is just one example.

This year JCCI will launch its 69th community study: Our Money Our City: Financing Jacksonville's Future. This very timely and urgently needed study will mark the third time in 31 years this subject has been explored. Implementation of recommendations from the 1977 and 1992 studies led to significant improvements in local government and we should expect no less from the 2009 study.

Special thanks to those who helped make this year a success – the dedicated JCCI staff, my fellow aweinspiring members of the Board of Directors and its officers, our outstanding Council of Stewards members, corporate and nonprofit partners, our members and all the citizens of the greater Jacksonville area. Please continue your support of this organization's unique and vital mission.



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OUR HISTORY

JCCI was created in 1975 as a result of the Amelia Island Community Planning Conference to examine community issues by bringing together a broad cross-section of the population. In its 33 years, JCCI has provided a forum and a structure through which groups of informed, concerned citizens have made a difference in public policy decisions. When enough people care to act, the course of an entire city can change.

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Some time ago, our deputy director, Ben Warner, launched into a noble task – tracing the history of JCCI. This was no frivolous exercise and took us back to an 1883 Smallpox outbreak that mobilized the community to action. The timeline traced forward through the community's response to the 1888 Yellow Fever epidemic, the Great Fire in 1901, community-wide mobilization for World War One, response to the 1918 influenza epidemic, creation of the Community Chest, mobilization again for World War Two, the 1946 report on the status of our African American community, evolution of the United Way, consolidation of government in 1968, and the Amelia Island Planning Conference in 1974 that created JCCI, to name just a few waypoints.

A common thread runs through our history and it's not an organization or agency; it's a philosophy for addressing community issues and crises. This community's

response to serious issues has most often been at the initiative of a handful of community stewards who stepped forward and worked collaboratively, gathering the needed resources to address the issue. Government has been a partner and implementer throughout our history, but not always the initiator. And sometimes government itself was the problem. The grassroots efforts that led to the consolidation of Jacksonville government 40 years ago (the "Quiet Revolution") and the Amelia Island Conference that created JCCI are just two examples of this citizen-led approach to problem solving. Other examples are the nearly 70 JCCI studies and resulting JCCI task forces that brought the community together to find solutions to problems and then fought for their implementation. All it takes is an understanding of the problem and the leadership to address it. Simple, right?

Speaking of leadership, I am deeply grateful to the JCCI Board of Directors and President Helen Jackson for their support this past year. They have truly been community stewards and strong partners in keeping JCCI on task, on mission and properly resourced to do the job. This year, they provided me with clear marching orders through a revised strategic plan that will change how we do business but not what is our business – an important distinction. They have also provided the resources to maintain the staff we need to not only think and study but also to do.

It only takes one person to make a difference in our community. My open-door policy applies not just to my staff. It applies to everyone. I welcome your ideas, suggestions and feedback at anytime. Please contact me at skip@jcci.org.



Our Mission Statement

Jacksonville Community Council Inc. (JCCI) is a nonpartisan civic organization that engages diverse citizens in open dialogue, research, consensus building, advocacy and leadership development to improve the quality of life and build a better community in Northeast Florida and beyond.



JCCI Council of Stewards

JCCI's Council of Stewards represents a reservoir of experience and wisdom providing a solid foundation for our operations through sustained financial support. For many, the connection with JCCI began at the historical Amelia Island Conference. A study, a volunteer task force, a *Quality of Life* review, or the endorsement of a respected friend were the links for others. No matter how they were introduced, all value JCCI's ability to openly explore issues that impact the vitality of Jacksonville.

Membership is granted to individuals who pledge gifts of \$5,000 or more across three years. The time commitment is minimal (two informal receptions, often at the homes of fellow Stewards) and includes optional participation in small group conversations on JCCI programs or plans that are in the works.

The mission of the Council is to offer wisdom and ideas about key JCCI programs and to provide JCCI with significant and sustained support. Members are kept well-informed of JCCI's work and invited to express their views to the Board of Directors.



Patricia Hogan served as Vice President of Stewards in 2007. Helen Lane is a long-time Stewards member.



Carla and Jim Marlier, Skip Cramer and Helen Jackson

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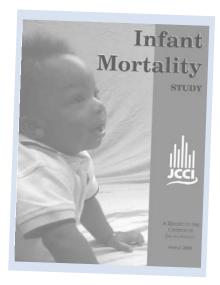
STUDIES

INFANT MORTALITY

Howard Korman chaired the *Infant Mortality Study*. The study committee, which met from October 2007 to April 2008 examined in depth the immediate, intermediate and root causes of infant mortality. In 2006, 130 babies died before they reached their first birthday.

The *Infant Mortality* Study Committee conducted a thorough examination of the problem. Seventeen weekly meetings were devoted to hearing from experts from around the state, across the country, and within the city. More than forty resource speakers shared their data and knowledge with the study group. The committee made two field trips to visit the Magnolia Project (a special Healthy Start program in Northwest Jacksonville designed to improve the health and well-being of women during their child-bearing years.)

A release of the study was held May 20 at the Historic Mt. Zion AME Church.



LUNCH AND LEARNS

In 2008, JCCI hosted three Lunch & Learn sessions over the noon hour at JCCI. Lunch and Learns are open to JCCI and JCCI *Forward* members only. Those attending are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. The following lists the topics and guest speakers:

- Shaping Our Transportation Future. Guest speakers: Mike Miller, JTA Director of External Affairs and Denise Bunnewith, First Coast MPO Executive Director August 5, 2008
- The Economic Down Turn: Is Jacksonville Immune? Guest speakers: Ron Barton, Jacksonville Economic Development Council; John Haley, Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce; and Paul Mason with University of North Florida May 1, 2008
- The Foreclosure Crisis: Sublime to Subprime Repercussions of the Real Estate Crash. Guest speakers: Teresa Campbell with Family Foundations; Lynn Drysdale, Managing Attorney, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid; Scott Stevens and Georgia Reed with Sun Trust Bank January 29, 2008

Special Programs

A book discussion of *Code of the Street: Decency, Violence and the Moral Life of the Inner City* by Elijah Anderson was held May 20 at JCCI. Guest speakers were Dr. Michael Hallett and Dr. Henry Thomas, both professors at the University of North Florida.

Summer School Series - Unnatural Causes...Is Inequality Making Us Sick? conversation and viewing was held June 12, 17, 19, 24 and 26. A forum with Dr. Richard David took place July 8.



Michael Hallett, Laura Lane and Henry Thomas

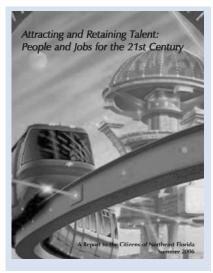


IMPLEMENTATIONS



AIR QUALITY: ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

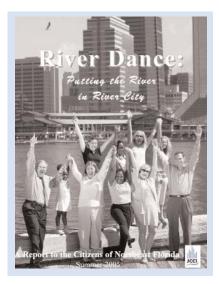
The JCCI Air Quality Task Force, comprised of nearly 40 committed citizens from all walks of life is chaired by Don Anderson. The task force began meeting in the Fall of 2007. There are four sub-committees within the task force working to implement recommendations from the study. The task force urged the city to appoint a Sustainablity Officer and to pass a Green Building Ordinance, which would represent a significant first step by the City of Jacksonville to publicly acknowledge the economic, social and environmental benefits of sustainable practices. The task force is also working on energy conservation, growth management, emissions, and regional transportation issues.



Attracting and Retaining Talent: People and Jobs for the 21st Century

In just over one year, the *Attracting and Retaining* Talent Task Force completed its work, implementing all three recommendations from the study. Adrienne Conrad chaired the task force. The three recommendations were: the development of an expanding research and development infrastructure; expanding and marketing distinctive activity clusters in neighborhoods; and boosting branding efforts to focus on Jacksonville's strengths.

A public release event was held at the University of Florida's Proton Therapy Institute in February 2008. Guest speakers included: Dr. Yank Coble, who chaired the Caring Community Conference and is the Director of University of North Florida's Center for Global Health and Medical Diplomacy; John Reyes President and CEO of Visit Jacksonville; and Bob White Executive Director of Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville.



RIVER DANCE: PUTTING THE RIVER IN RIVER CITY

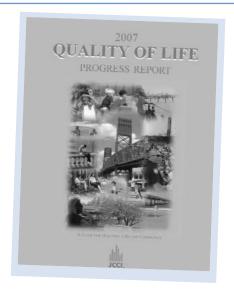
The final implementation report was presented to the JCCl Board of Directors at its September 2007 meeting. The *River Dance* Task Force, chaired by Jim Overton, achieved significant progress on a number of the nine recommendations that came out of the study to access, protect, celebrate and improve the health of the St. Johns River. The "River Accord," a 10-year \$700 million program introduced by Mayor Peyton in 2006, is a linchpin to restoring health and vitality of the St. Johns River



Quality of Life Progress Report

The release of JCCI's 2007 *Quality of Life Progress Report* was held January 29 at the Main Library. The 23rd edition outlines clear priorities for action in Jacksonville and Northeast Florida for the coming year.

The report includes 111 indicators that reflect trends in nine areas: Achieving Educational Excellence; Growing a Vibrant Economy; Preserving the Natural Environment; Promoting Social Wellbeing and Harmony; Enjoying Arts, Culture and Recreation; Sustaining a Healthy Community; Maintaining a Responsive Government; Moving Around Efficiently; and Keeping the Community Safe.





Ron Autrey answers questions from the media.

The *Quality of Life Progress Report* provides information about the status of our community and of our collective well-being. By familiarizing ourselves with these indicators, we become better informed. By using these indicators, we can work together to build a better community. The indicators serve as warning signs and as tools to encourage and promote positive change.

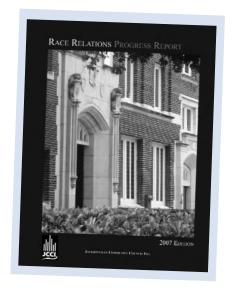
Ron Autrey chaired the citizen review committee.

RACE RELATIONS PROGRESS REPORT

JCCI released its third annual Race Relations Progress Report in January at the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. JCCI's Race Relations Progress Report gives Jacksonville an objective tool for tracking progress, prioritizing action and stimulating institutional change in six areas of documented racial disparity: education, income and employment, housing, health, criminal justice and the political process.

One of the 27 recommendations from the 2002 Beyond the Talk: Improving Race Relations study was to create an annual report card on race relations in Jacksonville.

Bill Bond chaired the 2007 Race Relations Progress Report review committee.





JCCI FORWARD

JCCI *Forward* is a group of citizens from 25 to 45 years of age who want to take an active role in shaping their community. Members participate in Issue Forums and Workshops to shape ideas about community development, business trends, the arts, social services and political leadership.

The mission of *Forward* is to empower emerging leaders and community-minded individuals to affect positive change in Northeast Florida through a platform of results-oriented issue forums and leadership development programs.

JCCI *Forward* also held several Socials and Mystery Guest Luncheons. The following is a list of some of the programs and events held in 2007- 2008. Visit www.jcci.org/forward.

ISSUE FORUMS

- Election January 2008: Will YOU show up?
- Through the Looking Glass: A Vision for Jacksonville
- 3 Years to Takeover: Preparing for the Transition of Leadership
- Women in Leadership: Political Balance?

Leadership Development Workshops

- Urban Safari: Destination Springfield
- The Power of Networking

Trainings

- How to Make Community Decisions: Consensus and Facilitation Skills
- How to be a Chair: Effective Meeting and Leadership Styles
- How to Speak in Public: Facing a Fear Worse than Death
- How to be a Treasurer: Reading the Numbers
- How to be a Board Member-Part One
- How to be a Board Member-Part Two
- How to be a Fundraiser
- How to be a Board Member-Part Three
- How to build Volunteer Committee

2007-2008 JCCI Forward Executive Committee

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Special Thanks to Friends of Forward:



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Jon Singleton, Richard N. Weber and Lee Townsend.



Special Thanks

It is with special thanks that JCCI recognizes the generous support of many local businesses and organizations. Their community spirit is acknowledged in JCCI's distinctive products, projects, and programs:

Quality of Life Progress Report

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Infant Mortality Release Event

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2008 Race Relations Progress Report

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Attracting & Retaining Talent
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Special Projects

Baptist Health
Summer School Series: Unnatural Causes

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For 33 years of partnering with JCCI in raising awareness of issues that impact the quality of life in Jacksonville



FINANCE REPORT

JCCI receives funds from many sources. Because JCCI strives for credibility, objectivity and independence in its work, diverse funding is essential. In fiscal year 2007, JCCI members and the local business community provided 40 percent of our funds. United Way of Northeast Florida contracts with JCCI for human services planning and research. Contracts for services and special grant supported projects generate supplemental funds. The thousands of volunteer hours donated each year are one of JCCI's most important resources, although not reflected in the annual budget.

Statement of Support, Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances Year Ending September 30, 2007.

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	TOTAL FUNDS 2007
Public Support: United Way of Northeast Florida, Inc. Contributions - Members & Corporations	\$234,348 317,244
Government Grants and Contracts: Public Service Grant from City of Jacksonville Duval County Public Schools Jacksonville Children's Commission Other Contracts	175,426 20,750 15,000 73,093
Revenue: Investment Income Realized/Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investment Other Income	18,813 69,473 21,523
Total Support and Revenue	\$945,670
EXPENSES	
Program Services: Community Planning and Development	\$796,661
Support Services: Management and General Fundraising	119,041 50,320
Total Expenses	\$966,022
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	(\$20,352)



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