

Urban Core ~ District 1
Citizens Planning Advisory Committee
February 25, 2002
Black Business Investment Corporation ~ 2933 North Myrtle Avenue

MINUTES

Committee Members/Guests/Staff Present

Sign in sheets attached

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Amendment to the minutes as per the Chair:

Approval to add Jeannie Fewell as present in absence of her signature on the sign-in sheet

Speakers

- **Milton Locklear (Florida Department of Transportation)** – discussed the Mathews Bridge Corridor Study, which is a reconstructor of the existing structure to a 6-8 lane bridge. The purpose of the study is to evaluate existing traffic congestion along the Mathews Bridge Corridor and determine future improvements and/or new corridors that will meet the future needs of the area. Answered questions from the members.
- **Darrell Griffin (Chief, City of Jax – Housing Services Program)** – provided information on the City of Jacksonville - Housing Services Program. Discussed funding sources for the program and eligibility requirements for obtaining services. Answered questions from the members.

Reports

- Dr. Norman provided the members with a report from the Mayor's recent meeting with all CPAC Chairs.
 - Animal control continues to be of concern in the Urban Core. Loose/stray animals have become a problem and citizens are finding it difficult to have them removed. (A representative from the City of Jacksonville Animal Care & Control Department will be asked to attend the March 2002 meeting)
 - There are several concerns for increased activity involving prostitution and drug dealing in the Urban Core. There is a need for increased police patrol. Louvenia Tippins asked if anything could be done to improve the 13th & Moncrief area. Henrietta Hill-Murray also asked how citizens could become involved in the City's

Superbowl endeavors. Dr. Norman suggested that we continue to request representation from Councilwoman Yates to address these issues/concerns.

- Henrietta Hill-Murray made a report on the CPAC Training held on February 2, 2002. The CPAC Training provided information on the laws and regulations that govern the CPACs. The training also covered the Amended Executive Order, By-laws, and the Sunshine Law.
- Celia Miller discussed MANIA's continued efforts to work in the community to improve the neighborhood. She announced that their next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2002 at the Edward Waters College – Schell Sweet Center at 5:30 pm. During the meeting, they will re-address their concerns with contamination and ash sites in the Durkeeville/Myrtle Avenue community. The support of all CPAC members is greatly desired and appreciated.

Old Business

Urban Core Bus Tour

JTA no longer provides buses for CPAC tours. Floree McPherson asked each committee member to submit their suggestions for potential corporate sponsors for the tour. Tony Nelson (BBIC President) offered to contact and provide a corporate sponsor for the buses.

It was suggested by the Bus Tour Committee to launch the tour from the B.B.I.C. Business Center located on Myrtle Avenue.

New Business

- Dr. Norman made a presentation to E. Denise Lee for her extensive work done in the Urban Core. Ms. Louvenia Tippins accepted the plaque in honor of Ms. Lee.

The following members were presented with certificates of appreciation for their tireless efforts in the Urban Core:

- Louvenia Tippins
- Celia Miller
- Michael Bryant
- Flossie Brunson

Dr. Janetta Norman was also presented with a certificate of appreciation for her outstanding work as the 2001-2002 Urban Core CPAC Chair. Donna Rash –Sawyer was also mentioned in her absence to receive a certificate of appreciation for her work as the 2001-2002 Urban Core CPAC Vice-Chair.

Announcements

- Flossie Brunson announced that the Eastside community received a speed bump to control traffic in the area.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Urban Core – District #1 CPAC Meeting will be held on Monday, March 25, 2002 at 5:00 pm at the Schell-Sweet Health Building located on the Edward Waters College Campus at 1697 Kings Road. Parking is available. (Take Kings Road to Tyler Street. Make a right onto Tyler Street and make first left to the parking lot located behind the Schell-Sweet building.)