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Urban Core ~ District 1 Citizens Planning and Advisory Committee Main Library – Multi Purpose Room 2 - 303 N. Laura Street **Meeting Summary** Monday, February 6, 2006

Members and Alternates

Ann Thomrson

Deloris Swain

Doug Vanderlaan

Eugene Johnson

Henrietta Hill-Murray

Floree Johnson-McPherson

Janetta Norman

Johnny Swain

Joyce Brinson

Louvenia Tippins

Luellen Logan (e)

Michael Bryant

Michael Hartman

Guests

Denise Ostertag

John Culbreth

Juanita Senior

Ruth Arnold

Staff/Resource

Carolyn Shehee-Williams

Bill David

Doris Leach

Elaine Lancaster

Kenneth Avery

Call to Order

Janetta Norman called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Remarks - Chair / Vice Chair

Janetta Norman greeted attendees, self introductions were made and a moment of silence was observed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve minutes from January 9, 2006 was made by Floree Johnson-McPherson, properly seconded by Johnny Swain and approved by the body as recorded.

Speakers

B. J. Jackson, North Florida Community Action Agency, Family& Community Services Supervisor Reported that the agency offers various programs for income eligible individuals to include family self sufficiency programs, utility bill assistance, and Real Sense tax program offices are located in Robert F. Kennedy Center and the Emmett Reed Center. Seeking community organization involved in neighborhood program to partner with.

John Culbreth, Director, COJ Parks, Recreation Entertainment and Preservation

Jacksonville has an outstanding park system that can be enhanced with neighborhood and community and financial support for each park program. Special Events and Preservation divisions have recently been added to the department. A new position has been added to organize friends of the park and solicit sponsors to provide financial support for the park system and its programs. At the request of community leaders, the director agreed to meet with neighborhoods to address specific issues with community parks.

Subcommittee Reports

Environmental - Michael Hartman reported that a copy of the Hogans Creek Vision Statement had been forwarded to John Culbreth, Director of Parks, Recreation, Entertainment and Preservation. A study is being conducted to determine whether birds are a major or minor cause of fecal coliform in the water.

Hospitality - No report

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Membership – Doug Vanderlaan agreed to work with neighborhood coordinator Doris Leach to identify and target new CPAC members and potential neighborhoods.

Staff Reports

CODE ENFORCEMENT - No report.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – Milton Locklear reported that the Riverside Avenue reconstruction project near Edison Avenue and the Acosta Bridge is a few months away from completion. Landscaping will start during the summer. The Mathews Bridge resurfacing project has been postponed until January of 2007, as studies are still being conducted on the materials. Additional resurfacing meetings will occur this summer.

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD - Not present.

JACKSON VILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE – Reported that burglaries to autos are a main concern in the downtown area and advised everyone to properly secure their vehicles.

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE – Carolyn Shehee-Williams informed members that the Voluntary Pre-K registration kickoff would be held on February 11, at 9:00 a.m. in the main library. Building a Smarter Community Conference will be held on February 8.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES - No report

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – Ken Avery reported that a public hearing would be held on February 16 at 1:00 p.m. for Exception: E-06-03 – Expanding existing church to adjacent lot.

Old Business

None

New Business

Agenda Considerations

None

Announcements

Denise Ostertag announced Jax Parks Get Out There kickoff on March 4, at 9:00 p.m. at Cecil Field Recreation Complex.

Thelma Jackson of Mayor's Office of Faith and Community Based Partnerships announced the next round of training and grant awards for small 501c3 non-profit organizations with budgets of \$300,000 or less on February 27. The office offers matching grants in the amount of \$50,000. The following are upcoming workshops: Sponsorship Resource March 10 and 11 City Hall Renaissance Room 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Introduction to Non-Profit Management March 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 11 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Professional Non-Profit Management TBA. She also announced the upcoming prayer breakfast at Southside Church of God in Christ 2179 Emerson on February 24, at 8:00 a.m. and an Evening with the Mayor and School Board Superintendent Joseph Wise on March 6, at the Potter's House Church on Normandy Boulevard.

Hank Rogers from Representative Audrey Gibson's office informed members of pre-session surveys sent to neighborhood associations regarding delaying the school year start date and co-teaching.

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Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

The next CPAC meeting is scheduled for 5:00 PM March 6, 2006, at the Main Library - Multipurpose Room - 303 N. Laura Street.