MEETING SUMMARY
URBAN CORE DISTRICT CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 30, 1993

Attending the 6:00 pm meeting at Mattie V. Rutherford Alternative Education Center were:

Committee Members

Bob Crocker
Dora Carver
Jada Jenkins
Phil Neary
Duane Dumbleton, Ph.D.
Celia Miller
Ann Thompson
Richard Harrill
Flossie Brunson
Jimmy Coleman
Jean Russell
Larry Hazouri

City Staff

Joel McEachin
Nancy Snyder, Ph.D.
W.B. Hodges
Gregory Owens
Randy Hammond
Clovia Russell
W. Ray Newton
John H. Crofts
Lex Hester

Acting Chairwoman, Jean Russell called the meeting to order with committee introductions. After thanking them for their participation, Mr. Lex Hester, representing Mayor Austin, charged the group to represent their neighborhoods by identifying needs, problems, potential solutions, as well as set priorities. He encouraged the committee to challenge the bureaucracy to respond to the community's needs. Mr. Hester stressed the Mayor's commitment to the outreach process and introduced the staff assigned to assist the committee. He also mentioned the Neighborhood Response Team established by the Mayor to address the issues and problems identified by the committee.

W. B. Hodges, Deputy Director of Operations, Office of the Sheriff, stated the Sheriff was very supportive of the community outreach program. He also outlined some of the general public safety concerns, particularly the rise in violent juvenile crime, facing our community. Dr. Snyder, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Schools, emphasized the commitment of Dr. Zenke to the outreach program, and her particular interest in the Urban Core Planning District. W. Ray Newton, Director of Planning and Development, presented an overview of the many functions of the Planning and Development Department, and specifically how the department will assist the committee. Joel McEachin, Community and Neighborhood Planner for the Urban Core, went over the materials presented to each member, as well as presented a general overview of the planning district.

Mr. Newton explained Executive Order #93-174 which charged each appointed commission, board and committee with the challenge of developing strategies for addressing crime in Jacksonville. Because of the urgent attention needed for this problem, the Mayor has requested

a report by February 15, 1994. The committee and staff discussed crime in general, and juvenile crime in particular. The committee requested Captain Hammond to provide the group with general crime statistics for the urban core. The committee also requested information comparing crime statistics in the urban core with other parts of the City, as well as data on the change in crime statistics in the area. The committee requested this information to be mailed to them before the next meeting scheduled for December 14, 1993. Before the next meeting, it was agreed that each member of the committee will try to identify at least five strategies for addressing the crime problem in Jacksonville.

Concern was also expressed about the homeless situation in the urban core. The committee requested a presentation on the homeless situation in Jacksonville, and various programs and strategies for addressing the problem. It was also recommended that a member of the Homeless Coalition be appointed to serve on the committee.

The next meeting of the Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee was scheduled for **5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 14, 1993 in Room 2064, Florida Community College at Jacksonville, Downtown Campus, 101 West State Street.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.