Urban Core Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Michael Bryant, Chairman *Raymond Parnell, Vice Chairman*

MEETING SUMMARY JANUARY 23, 1996

Florida Community College at Jacksonville

Members Present

Flossie M. Brunson
Michael Bryant
Don Cates
Duane Dumbleton
Wanda Lanier
Phil Neary
Janetta Norman
Ray Parnell
Ann Shiver
Ann Thompson
Joann Smith

Staff Present

Robert Drummond, Office of the Sheriff
John Crofts, Planning & Development Department
Joel McEachin, Planning & Development Department
Yvonne McGruder, Planning & Development Department
Roslyn, Phillips, Planning & Development Department
Kathy Wolff, Planning and Development Department
Dr. Nancy Snyder, Duval County Public Schools

Other Present

Lisa Neary, Springfield Improvement Assoc. & Women's Club
Charlotte Williams, Myrtle Ave Neighborhood Association

The Chairman, Michael Bryant, called the meeting to order at 5:10 P.M., in Room 2074, at Florida Community College at Jacksonville.

The Chairman, presented Dr. Duane Dumbleton with a **Certificate of Appreciation** for a **job well done.**

It was also suggested that signs be posted to inform the public of the meetings.

Old Business

Janetta C. Norman indicated that the issue of nominating committee members will be discussed at a later date and time, for information only.

Joel McEachin presented a list of all **CPAC** members, and asked if they would review and make any changes and corrections necessary.

13th Street, Division Street and Myrtle Avenue Project

An Engineering and Study Base is being completed for a infrastructure Improvement Project on 13th Street and Division Street and Myrtle Avenue. Joel informed the members that the staff of the **NW CPAC** will address that matter on their next meeting, February 8, at P.M. **NW Library.** Also, some areas of the **Urban Core** is not being represented, recommendations are welcome.

Future Events

The Mayor will visit on April 16. John Crofts stated that the **Mayor** will visit all the CPAC. It was suggested that the committee needed to find a public place to attend meetings.

New Business

Roslyn Phillips of Planning and Development, Community Development Division made a presentation on ways in which the Community Development Division can help the community and citizens set goals.

Ms. Phillips thanked the committee and staff for the opportunity to reach out and help. She stated her division administers Federal Grants to Jacksonville for improvement of the neighborhoods and stabilization of communities. Over the last several years they have administered approximately $9 Million Grant funds.

There are five (5) different type of Grants:

1. **FCCJ revitalization of Hogan creek (Block Grant)**

2. **Affording Housing - provide assistance with rehabilitation and deterioration of housing (Block Grant)**

3. **Emergency Shelter- provide services for the homeless (Block Grant)**

4. **Harper Grant - AID'S assist with special needs, one of the services is the St. Johns Horizon House. (Block Grant)**

5. **Carry Over - Hope Grant**

Ms. Phillips suggested that staff from the Community Development Division should attend the CPAC meetings to find out the needs of the Community. She also stated that there are services and funds available that the community maybe unaware of.

The Chairman indicated prior to selecting neighborhoods for consideration, the CPAC members should have some comments on the **Mayor's** decision on target neighborhoods. The committee is looking at a time frame of February or March. The committee approved a motion requesting that the **Mayor** obtain input from the six CPACS regarding the selection of target neighborhoods.

Joel McEachin introduced the new CPAC Secretary, Yvonne McGruder of the Planning and Development Department.

<u>Concerns and Priority for this Year</u>

1. **Strategic Planning**
2. **Ritz Theatre District, Inc.**
3. **Commercial Revitalization, Enterprise Zone**
4. **Crime Prevention-Remove the crime from the community (street) drug dealer - Wrice Process**
5. **Information regarding your organization**
6. **Talk with the Mayor regarding target neighborhoods**
7. **Community Development Division recommendation - Unmet needs**
8. **The Urban Core area need better lighting**
9. **Code Enforcement**

It was suggested that the next meeting place should be held at Matthew Gilbert School on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:00 P.M. The members should consider one place to hold the meeting, instead of moving around.

<u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:30 P.M.