URBAN CORE CITIZENS PLANNING
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, October 8, 1996 AT 5:00 P.M.
YWCA OF JACKSONVILLE
325 EAST DUVAL STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rita Reagan
Janetta Norman
Phil Neary
Flossie Brunson
Ann Shiver
Judith Truett
Lisa Neary
Carlon Robinson
Padrica Mendez
Wayne Bruhn
Christina Tyler

CITY STAFF-MEDIA & CITIZENS

Joyce Bizot
Jeanne Ward

The Chairman, Michael Bryant, called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M. at the YWCA of Jacksonville, 325 East Duval Street.

The chairman opened a discussion on issues, goals and objectives for 1996 - 1997, as well as reviewed various correspondence. A question was raised about the status of legislation regarding the co-location of cellular antennas. Phil Neary reported that the Jacksonville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has tabled the "S" Line issue until more comprehensive studies can be done regarding the contamination. It is possible that the City will only purchase the section of the line along Durkeeville (I-95 south to West Beaver Street), and abandon the rest of the line. With regard to recommendations of individuals to serve on the Urban Core Municipal Code Board, the Chairman stated that only two names have been submitted (Art Frost and Adrian Oliver). Flossie Brunson recommended Mr. Alvin Mitchell who owns and operates a restaurant at Pippin Street and A. Philip Randolph Boulevard. Mention was made of the upcoming Christmas home tour in the Springfield Historic District, as well as the Eastside celebration and parade scheduled for October 12, 1997 at Matthew Gilbert Middle School.

The chairman reported that Mayor Delaney has appointed the six CPAC chairs to the Growth Management Task Force. Presently, there are four representatives from the Urban Core serving on the task force. The task force will focus on planning issues and growth management. Questions and concerns were expressed on how the task force will address redevelopment in the older areas, and how citizens can have impact on land use and zoning decisions. With regard to the status of a new school in LaVilla, the chairman reported that he has requested a speaker from the City to address the status of this issue. Sam Mousa, Director of Public Works, responded back to the chairman that the School Board is hesitant to continue with the proposed project at

this time. Therefore, he felt it was premature to address the CPAC at this time regarding the proposed new school. Ms. Jeannie Ward, representing the Mayor's Neighborhood Office, requested that this item be deferred, and she will arrange for a speaker to address this issue at the November meeting. The Chairman expressed his disappointment with the City for not sending a representative to address this issue at the current meeting. He felt this action by the City was contrary to the purpose of the CPACs. Dr. Norman moved that the discussion of the new school in LaVilla be deferred to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rita Reagan and approved. The chairman requested that the speaker be prepared to address the status of the entire LaVilla Redevelopment Project, specifically addressing the plans for new and current housing in LaVilla. An ample time for questions and answers from the CPAC members must also be provided. Mr. Neary questioned the City's current position on having a new public school in LaVilla. Ms. Ward responded that the City supports the proposal, since it will tie into the larger redevelopment plans such as the Ritz Theatre Project. Ms. Padrica Mendez questioned the wisdom of constructing a new school in LaVilla.

Ms. Patricia Grant of the "Cops Ahead Program" working in the Eastside spoke on recent activities including the stop station at East 4th Street and Bridier Street. It was agreed by the members present that the next meeting of the Urban Core CPAC would be held at the new offices of Springfield Preservation and Restoration, Inc. (SPAR), 1321 North Main Street. There was also discussion of organizing a new tour of the Urban Core Planning District, possibly as part of the December meeting. Mr. Neary requested an update on proposed ordinance 96-801 requiring notification to register neighborhood groups of any public hearings on rezonings, zoning exceptions and zoning variances. He went on to make a motion that the Urban Core CPAC provide a letter of support for this proposed ordinance, and that the letter be provided to the Mayor and members of the City Council. The motion was seconded by Dr. Norman and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 P.M.