URBAN CORE CITIZENS
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1998
SALVATION ARMY BUILDING

Members Present
Phil Neary
Janetta Norman
Michael Bryant
Henrietta Hill-Murray
Donna Rash-Sawyer
Bill Stewart
Ann Thompson
JoAnn Smith
Carlon Robinson
Flossie Brunson
Padrica Mendez

City Staff/Public/Media
Thelma Jackson
Lorrie DeFrank
Dan Haskell
Dana Morton
Ed Pratt-Dannals
Pete Mittleman
Carol Matthews
Nancy Powell
Nancy Freeman
Adonna Rash
Dan Donaldson

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes were approved.

Presentations
Ted Holmes, Public Information Officer for the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, informed the group that smoke detectors were available through his department, for those homeowners residing in the Intensive Care Neighborhoods, who are in need of a smoke detector. Employees from the Fire Department will go out and properly install the smoke detectors. Holmes stated most people who die in fires never see the flames because they die from inhalation of poisonous gases. He stated that smoke detectors have a life span of approximately 10 years and special smoke detectors are available for the visual and hearing impaired. He also stated most fires occur in the kitchen and the bedrooms. Mr. Holmes gave his office number, 630-2425, for anyone needing more information about various programs in the Fire and Rescue Department.

Carol Matthews, of the Stewards of the St. Johns River, explained The River Agenda. The document was put together after the River Summit in response to inter-agency efforts to get citizens involved. After the summit, various strategies suggested by her group to improve the river. She advised the group that the Mayor's Office was starting a Citizens Advisory Council for river related issues. She also introduced Dana Morton, an Aquatic Biologist for the City of Jacksonville's Air and Water Quality Division, who discussed the St. Johns River. He stated the

St. Johns River is 310 miles long and is the second largest river in Florida. He said the St. Johns River discharges 4.6 billion gallons per day and reverses the flow up to 160 miles upstream. Mr. Morton had a slide presentation on the St. Johns River. Ms. Matthews summarized the goals and strategies found in the River Agenda booklet she distributed..

Nancy Freeman of the Center for Public Leadership at the University of North Florida discussed the Hazard Mitigation Baseline study for the Consolidated City of Jacksonville which was requested by Emergency Preparedness. She explained the study involved both natural and man made hazards and that most of the study addressed mitigating against the lost of life and property damage resulting from hurricanes. She further said some recommendations included the adoption of a new building code standard, proactively maintain drainage infrastructure and increase road capacity and evacuation route. Ms. Freeman indicated that the federal government will not always assume responsibility for damage and the City of Jacksonville will eventually have to assume it. There was discussion regarding shelters. Ms. Freeman indicated that the state criteria for hurricane shelters is quite stiff and that not all emergency shelters are designated as hurricane shelters. She also told the group that the school board would have a list of shelters and evacuation routes were in located in the front of last years telephone book.

Chairman Phil Neary announced that Dr. Norman had volunteered to chair a special nominating committee regarding the Neighborhood Summit. This committee will recommend three individuals and a neighborhood from the CPAC to be turned over to another committee with other CPAC nominations to be considered to receive awards. The nominations have to be submitted by September 1st. Dr. Norman and Phil Neary asked for volunteers. The volunteers are:

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Michael Bryant inquired as to the status of the three committee reports and made a specific request for an update at the next meeting.

Lorrie DeFrank announced that the awards will be presented by Mayor Delaney on Thursday evening, September 24th. She also announced the "Clean it Up Green it Up" and JEA crepe myrtle giveaways for 1998 starts September 12th and asked for volunteers to assist with the giveaway on Saturday, October 3rd at FCCJ Downtown.

Phil Neary asked for suggestions or volunteers for the September meeting location. Bill Stewart, of the Salvation Army, offered their building at the 15 E. Church Street location for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.