URBAN CORE CITIZENS
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1998
SALVATION ARMY BUILDING

Members Present
Janetta Norman
Bill Stewart
Michael Bryant
JoAnn Smith
Ju'Coby Pittman
Flossie Brunson

City Staff/Public/Media
Thelma Jackson
Chip Patterson
Dan Haskell
Ken Avery
Lorrie DeFrank
Ed Pratt-Dannals
Pete Mittleman
Matt Thompson

Call to Order
Vice-Chairperson Janetta Norman called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m., in the absence of Chairman Phil Neary.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes were not approved, as there was no quorum present.

Presentations
Dr. Norman introduced Bill Stewart of the Salvation Army who greeted the group.

Robert "Chip" Patterson, Division Chief for Emergency Preparedness, commended Bill Stewart and the Salvation Army for their response to the community during the flooding and wildfires. Mr. Patterson gave an overview of the Division of Emergency Preparedness and stated that the division is responsible for Emergency Preparedness in Duval County and the Beaches. He also said they work closely with Baldwin during emergency management activities. JoAnn Smith commented about a bomb threat that occurred at one of their buildings at 2:00 in the morning and how professional the Fire and Rescue Department and the Salvation Army handled the evacuation process. Henrietta Hill-Murray inquired as to whether Mr. Patterson would speak to neighborhood groups. Mr. Patterson responded that he would. Ju'Coby Pittman commented on the difficulty in sensitizing people to a hurricane as it has been some time since Jacksonville has experienced a hurricane. Bill Stewart mentioned the Salvation Army has an orientation program regarding "How to Prepare Your Business for Disaster".

Dr, Norman announced that Bonnie Knight did not show up and wanted to know if anyone wanted to speak on her topic. Bill Stewart made a brief comment.

Old Business

Dr. Norman explained Chairman Neary's absence was due to his attending another meeting on Land Use and Zoning.

Dr. Norman reported on the results of the Nomination Selection Committee for the Neighborhood Conference Awards. The nominees were:

Neighborhood: East Jacksonville
Individual: Flossie Brunson
Annette Hughes-Taylor
Carlon Robinson

Michael Bryant asked whether or not the CPAC's would vote on the nominees. Lorrie DeFrank responded on CPAC participation in the nominating process.

Bill Stewart inquired about the Springfield Auction. Ken Avery responded that the auction resulted in 15 of 28 homes offered for sale being purchased. He said that anyone wanting more information could call 630-1900 and ask for the Housing Division for assistance.

Flossie Brunson responded on the success of the PLOWERS Summer Youth Camp program funded by the Children's Commission CPAC grant.

Michael Bryant inquired about the status of the three committee reports prepared by the CPAC last summer. Ken Avery responded that he thought they were forwarded to the Mayor's Office.

New Business

Ju'Coby Pittman announced a cleanup would be held in Springfield on Saturday, September 19th.

Henrietta Hill-Murray announced GANIA had a successful cleanup in the Brentwood area despite the rainy weather.

Michael Bryant announced the JEA crepe myrtle giveaway would be held at the Downtown Campus of FCCJ on October 3rd.

Flossie Brunson commended Michael Bryant and his youth group for painting three houses in East Jacksonville.

Lorrie DeFrank reminded the group of the upcoming Neighborhood Summit and Conference.

Dr. Norman asked whether there was any volunteer to host the October CPAC meeting. Flossie Brunson volunteered the Eastside Community Center.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.