URBAN CORE CITIZENS
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1998
EASTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER

Members Present

Phil Neary, Chair
Dr. Janetta Norman
Flossie Brunson
Bill Stewart
Donna Rath-Sawyer
Henrietta Hill-Murray
Carlon Robinson
Celia Miller
Michael Bryant
R. F. Langford

City Staff/Public/Media

Thelma Jackson
Ken Avery
Jason Thiel
Asst. Chief Pete Mittleman
Ed Pratt-Dannals
Alliniece Taylor
Emily Mager
Rebecca Zeigler
Bryn Rath-Sawyer
Danyl Rath-Sawywr
Bonnie Knight

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairman Phil Neary.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Presentations
Phil Neary, Chairman, announced the JEA Communi-Tree Crepe Myrtle Grant Project. Bill Stewart inquired as to whether the program was available to individuals, organizations or both. Mr. Neary responded groups or citizens may apply.

Presentation by Jason Thiel, Planner with the Planning Department, regarding The Downtown Master Plan. Mr. Thiel thanked the group for allowing him to speak and explained the that over the past years there was discussion about the vision of downtown and a lot of the vision was provided by the planning department under their role with Land Use planning. He explained he was there to solicit participation for the framework where we want to go. Thiel distributed handouts to the group and said the handout was available on the Internet.

Phil Neary asked Ken Avery about the status of the three committee reports submitted to the Mayor last year and what happened to the recommendations. Avery responded that each CPAC submitted them to the Mayor's Office and he had discussed the situation with his Division Chief, John Crofts.

Phil Neary raised the question as to whether there is a motion to send the Mayor a letter requesting the status of what happened to the reports. The motion was made and carried.

Phil Neary discussed the special Land Use and Zoning committee meeting regarding changes they would like to make in how Land Use and Zoning issues are heard by the City Council. Michael Bryant inquired as to whether the chair had a feeling as to when would be the most appropriate time for the CPAC to send a communication to the City Council encouraging them to include community organizations. Chairman Neary asked if that was a motion. Michael Bryant motioned the CPAC to send a communication to the City Council before the ordinance is passed. The motion was seconded by Celia Miller, discussed and carried.

Old Business

Bonnie Knight, co-mediator for Meals in the Parks, discussed the status of the mediation process regarding feeding in the parks. Ms. Knight stated that the last meeting was held in July. A brochure was being produced which will provide information as to where and when meals will be served downtown as well as where shelter, health care and day care is provided. She also said there was discussion regarding trash collection, security and completion of the fence at Confederate Park. Money has been appropriated and approved for the completion of the fence.

New Business/Announcements

Celia Miller raised the issue, which she stated was raised before, pertaining to the CSX train path which cuts through downtown and parallels I-95. She requested the CPAC find out how it will impact our communities. Thelma Jackson will contact Calvin Burney to attend the next CPAC meeting for an update.

Phil Neary asked for volunteers for a location for the November meeting. Thelma Jackson announced that Linnie Finley, of the Jacksonville Urban League, had extended an invitation for the CPAC to use their new facility for meetings. Ms. Jackson said she would make arrangements with Ms. Finley for the November meeting.

Bill Stewart announced the Salvation Army is presently taking applications from persons needing assistance for Thanksgiving. Also seeking volunteers to help through the Christmas season. Mr. Stewart can be reached at 356-8641.

Phil Neary thanked Flossie Brunson and the Eastside Center for the use of the facility for the CPAC meeting. He also thanked Mr. Thiel and Ms. Knight for their presentations.

Carlon Robinson announced this weekend, they will be celebrating Halloween in Springfield at the Haunted House. She also reminded the group to put on their calendars the Tour of Victorian Homes in Springfield during Christmas time will be held the second week in December on Friday and Saturday nights.

Donna Rath-Sawyer announced she was a candidate in the District 7 City Council race.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.