URBAN CORE CITIZENS
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1999
CATHEDRAL TERRACE AUDITORIUM

Committee Members
Dr. Janetta Norman, Chair
JoAnn Smith
Celia Miller
Michael Bryant
Henrietta Hill-Murray
Flossie Brunson
Donna Rash-Sawyer
Louvenia B. Tippins

City Staff/Public/Media
Thelma Jackson
Ken Avery
Lt. J. C. Boney
Lorrie DeFrank
Ed Castellani
Winova Hart
Fred Kyle
Rosemary Anderson

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:19 P.M.

Approval of Minutes
Approval of the minutes was deferred until a quorum was present.

Speakers
Ed Castellani, of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, provided the committee with an update on the Transportation Alternatives Study. He distributed handouts and said he hoped for final approval of the study in February, 2000. Mr. Castellani invited the committee to attend an evaluation workshop scheduled for December, 9, at 4:00 P.M. at the Prime Osborn Convention Center. Donna Rash-Sawyer expressed her concerns regarding the removal of seats and covered benches for bus riders at the Gateway hub, particularly by the Wendy's and Walgreens and that seniors at the Twin Towers have no seating. Ms. Sawyer also stated that buses 12, 7, 8 and 6 are not on time and in some instances the buses don't show up at all. Castellani suggested Ms. Sawyer call Danny Ours, Deputy Director of Mass Transit at the JTA, to report her concerns.

Janetta Norman, Chair, requested the group approve the minutes noting a quorum was present. Henrietta Hill-Murray requested a correction be made. The minutes were approved with one correction noted. On page two, line eight, "Alder" should read "21st and Pearl Street."

Fred Kyle, Division Chief of Traffic Engineering, spoke to committee members regarding concerns raised at the September meeting. He explained that the Traffic Engineering Division is basically responsible for installation and maintenance of all traffic control devices on city streets. In addition, he stated their shop manufactures 20,000 signs a year and they maintain around 990 traffic signals and flashers throughout the county. Mr. Kyle explained they pay the JEA about $5 million a year for the installation and maintenance. He further explained the criterion for the

installation a traffic signal/light/traffic calmers is based on a Uniform Traffic Calming Manual in accordance with the state. He explained that whenever control devices are installed that requirements have been developed to determine if traffic signals are warranted and they have to follow the warrants in that manual. There was considerable dialogue from committee members regarding traffic control devices in the Urban Core. Mr. Kyle said he would review some of their concerns.

The chair expressed her concerns regarding trash and requested a representative from Solid Waste to speak at the November meeting. She also expressed her concern of drug activity, prostitution and speeding on West 21st Street and Myrtle Avenue area.

Lt. Boney, of Zone 1, said he would address the concerns in Zone 1 and pass the information on to Zone 5. He invited the group to attend the SHADCO meeting the next evening at 6:00 P.M. at the Health Center located on 6th and Boulevard Streets. The speaker at that meeting will discuss "prostitution."

The chair acknowledged Lorrie DeFrank and the State Neighborhoods Conference in St. Petersburg.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 P.M.