URBAN CORE CITIZENS
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 9, 1999

Members Present
Dr. Janetta Norman, Chair
Phil Neary
Bill Stewart
JoAnn Smith
Carlon Robinson
Michael Bryant
Henrietta Hill-Murray
Donna Rash-Sawyer
Padrica Mendez

City/Public/Media
Thelma Jackson
Ken Avery
Lew Belkin
John Fleming
Dan Haskell
Lt. David Vanaman
Franklin Reinstine Jr.

Call to Order
Dr. Norman, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes were not approved as no quorum was present.

Presentations
Lew Belkin, Director of Economic Development for the Jacksonville Housing Authority, provided an update on the Hope VI Oaks at Durkeeville Project. He reported the senior citizens building would be ready in June and residents would be moving into Phase I in two weeks, Phase II the end of April and Phases III & IV in June or July. Belkin also stated that all residents must enroll in the Homebuyers Club with the Jacksonville Housing Partnership. In addition, the project was physically, socially and economically integrated to mesh with the rest of the community.

The Chair noted a quorum was present and requested the group to review the minutes and vote on approval of said minutes. The minutes were approved.

Old Business

The Chair again expressed her concern as to the lack of attendance and asked if some committee members would volunteer to call members and remind them of meetings. In addition to Dr. Norman volunteering, Carlon Robinson and Henrietta Hill-Murray also volunteered to make reminder calls to the membership.

The Chair again requested the members to submit a list of problems and/or concerns so speakers could be contacted to come before the group and address those concerns.

New Business and Announcements

Committee member, Padrica Mendez, announced the formation of a new group called "Mentoring Artists." She also announced the second Easter Procession will be held in LaVilla on Easter Sunday at 5:00 PM on Monroe Street. The program will feature poetry readings from the works of James Weldon Johnson.

Michael Bryant asked if a representative from the Ritz Theatre come to the May meeting for an update.

Ken Avery, Planner with the Planning and Development Department, announced that the Planning and Development Department along with Councilman Warren Jones are proposing to make LaVilla a historical district. A meeting regarding the proposal will be held at the Jacksonville Urban League on Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 PM.

Donna Rash-Sawyer announced that GANIA had been offered the Brentwood Medical Center for their association use and requested a letter of support from the CPAC. Michael Bryant asked if there was a proposal as to their use and Phil Neary asked Ms. Rash-Sawyer to bring the mission statement for the organization at the next meeting.

Ken Avery urged the group to review the CIP before the next meeting.

John Fleming, Division Chief of Neighborhood Services, announced copies of the "junk survey" and Neighborhood magazines were available. Fleming also announced that the crepe myrtle tree giveaway will be on May 22nd, the Neighborhood Summit will be held on July 30th & 31st and the Florida State Neighborhood Conference is scheduled for October 1st and 2nd in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.