URBAN CORE CITIZENS
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1999

Members Present
Dr. Janetta Norman
Bill Stewart
Carlon Robinson
JoAnn Smith
Michael Bryant
Flossie Brunson
Celia Miller

City Staff/Public/Media
Thelma Jackson
Lorrie DeFrank
Ken Avery
Dan Haskell
Dick Berry
Lt. Joe Medlin
Greg King
Chic Holliday
Terry S. Holliday
Janet Hamer
Mark Shelton
Eric Bryan Smith

Call to Order
Dr. Janetta Norman, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes from the January meeting were not approved as there was no quorum present.

Presentations
Bill Stewart, Vice-Chairperson, welcomed the committee to the Senior Center of the Salvation Army and provided attendees with a copy of the War Cry which is the national magazine of the Salvation Army.

Ken Avery, Planner with the Planning and Development Department, discussed rezoning in the Urban Core which will be forthcoming before the Planning Commission and the City Council. He provided the committee with copies of the three applications and explained each of them. In the first application, the owner owns a quadraplex and wants to make improvements to the existing structure. The second application was made by a developer who purchased the old Corrine Scott School and plans to make under 15 studio apartments. JoAnn Smith asked if that was housing for anyone. Avery responded that there would be studio apartments and he wasn't sure of the income requirements. Janet Hamer responded that the developer was doing high-end, artist-loft type apartments and that he was also going to purchase property cacti-corner for the same type of project. The third application was requested for changing the whole block to industrial. Mark Shelton, Planner with the Zoning Section of the Planning and Development Department, explained the re-organization of the Zoning Section. He explained that Ordinance 986787 was recently passed and transferred the administration and interputation of the zoning code from the Building and Zoning Division of the Public Works Department to the Planning and Development Department. He said that this transfer will help them stay consistent with the 2010 Camp Plan

and give them greater efficiency to process Land Use amendments. He further explained that the transfer will move the Zoning Code Enforcement responsibilities to the Neighborhoods Department which will reduce the duplication of duties on property safety issues having to do with zoning. In addition, Shelton said a new position called the Zoning Administrator was created and that they will eliminate variances which will now be called administrative deviations or waivers. Carlon Robinson inquired as to where the section would be located. Shelton responded that they will still be the City Hall Annex. Michael Bryant asked what are they doing about PUD enforcement. Shelton responded that Steve Smith of Planning and Development handles those inquiries. Richard Berry remarked that he thought there was a position as PUD enforcer and wanted to know who enforces developers who do not live up to their agreement with the City. Shelton responded that Henry Mays of Zoning Code Enforcement is the person. Dan Haskell asked who would be supervising zoning. Ken Avery responded that Jeanne Fewell would be the interpreter of the zoning code.

Janet Hamer, Division Chief of Housing Services Division for the Planning and Development Department, provided an update on the Springfield Initiative. She indicated that the Springfield Auction held in June sold 17 houses and that construction work is presently going on all but three. She also stated that many of the auction homes are 50% completed and the process is taking a long time due to the fact that the houses were condemned. She further stated that almost 50 houses have been sold in the Southwest Quadrant in Springfield. After the auction they launched the Springfield Historic Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program which offers incentives to prospective home buyers who want to relocate to Springfield to bring vacant and condemned properties back to life. Also, Hamer said they are still offering development subsidies and they have also launched the Historic Springfield Facade Program which is an owner-occupied matching grant program to provide funds to owner-occupant property owners in the southwest Springfield to bring their exterior up to codes and beautify the neighborhood. Michael Bryant remarked that he had heard at a SPAR meeting a figure of 128 or 129 property sales. Janet Hamer said that there were 180 transactions since June and some of those were outside of Historic Springfield. Michael Bryant also inquired as to whether there was any information as to when the applications on the commercial facade program will be available. She responded no, they are working on that and she will convey his concerns. Carlon Robinson asked if the Residential Facade Program was a grant. Janet Hamer explained it was a matching grant program. Carlon also asked if the program was geared to anyone in Springfield. Hamer responded that now it is in the southwest quadrant.

Dr. Norman explained that Reverend Landon Williams could not attend due to a previous commitment. She proceeded to make remarks regarding the senior citizens facility that Rev. Williams is planning to build. Dr. Norman indicated that Reverend Williams' dream is that it will be a first class facility.

Dr. Norman welcomed and introduced the City Council candidates present. She allowed each of them to make remarks.

Greg King, Senior Health Advisor with the Duval County Health Department, made a presentation regarding the services of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Program.

He explained that they provide screening for children between the ages of 12 to 24 months that are Medicaid enrollees. They also provide environmental testing which includes inside, outside and the soil.