URBAN CORE CITIZENS
PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1999
CATHEDRAL TERRACE AUDITORIUM

Committee Members
Dr. Janetta Norman, Chair
JoAnn Smith
Donna Rash-Sawyer
Ann Thompson
Michael Bryant
Flossie Brunson
Celia Miller
Carlon Robinson

City Staff/Public/Media
Thelma Jackson
Ken Avery
John Fleming
Janice Eggleton-Davis
Jason Thiel
Catherine Griffin
Melanie Robinson
Judith Youngblood
Lt. J. C. Boney

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:20 P.M.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Speakers
Jason Thiel, of the Planning and Development Department, distributed a Public Participation Study of the Urban Plan Downtown Master Plan to committee members for their perusal. Ann Thompson asked if the City Council adopted the Urban Design Standards would they be retroactive. Thiel responded "no". Michael Bryant inquired about a time frame. Mr. Thiel told the group if everything would go according to plan, hopefully within the next two months, it would go before the DDA (Downtown Development Authority).
Ken Avery mentioned that the Planning Department had made four changes in the Urban Core and he would bring a map and more information to the January meeting.
Janice Eggleton-Davis, Director of Solid Waste and Resource Management, spoke to the group regarding the responsibilities of the Solid Waste Division. She explained regulations for garbage collection and recycling and distributed solid waste information. Ms. Davis told the committee that the landfill for the city was Trailways Landfill located on Highway 301 between Route 10 and Normandy Boulevard. The landfill is open on Saturdays from 7:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. The fee is $1 for the first 500 pounds for Jacksonville residents and $30 per ton afterwards. Ms. Davis told the committee that appliances will be picked up on a call in basis as will tires. The number she gave to call was 387-8999. She further explained that waste can be put out after 5:00 P.M. the night before collection and by 6:00 A.M. on the day of collection. In addition, garbage cans/containers should be removed by the owner by 6:00 A.M. the day after collection.
Celia Miller asked if there were plans to recycle plastic grocery bags in the blue bins. Ms. Davis responded that there isn't at the present time as there is another way of recycling by the market.

Michael Bryant inquired about the standard which haulers are held to in terms of placing the garbage cans back in the yard. Ms. Davis responded the standard is to return them to the point of collection and turn them upside down with the lids next to the can.
Dr. Norman stated she has had problems in the past with cans and tops being slung around, but as of last Wednesday's collection day, the cans were upside down with the tops beside them.
Donna Rash-Sawyer stated that after Hurricane Floyd came through, trash collectors took 2 cans and a top. Ms. Sawyer said she called immediately and no one has returned her call about replacing her garbage cans. Ms. Davis gave Ms. Sawyer her business card and asked her to please call her with more specifics and she would get it taken care of.
Ann Thompson asked if you purchased a new refrigerator would they be required to take it away. Ms. Davis answered they would not be required to remove it. Ms. Thompson inquired about recycling at a high-rise facility. Ms. Davis told her if a facility has 10 or more units, they have to contract with a private company for recycling.
Jason Thiel asked if dried out stain and paint cans are hazardous and how can you determine if they are. Ms. Davis gave him their hazardous waste phone number 387-8847 to call.
Flossie Brunson mentioned that she attended a meeting the other night where they talked about one pickup is not enough, if certain types of food like fish and crabs are cooked because leaving them out causes maggots. She wanted to know if there could be pickup 2 days a week. Ms. Davis told her that you can subscribe to a second day of garbage service for $50 a year.
John Fleming, of Neighborhood Services, inquired about removal of trash in front of vacant lots. Ms. Davis responded that under ordinance, they are authorized to collect from residential premises.
Celia Miller asked if in the event a vacant lot owner wanted to clean up their lot, how would they make arrangements to have the trash picked up? Ms. Davis responded that the owner would have to remove it. It is their responsibility to take it away. Ms. Miller asked could the vacant lot property owner pay or contract for the extra day of pick up. Ms. Davis explained there were no provisions for that and the owner would have to subscribe for a year of service as a business.

New Business

Dr. Norman announced that she had received a call from the Chair of the Arlington CPAC, who has a concern with the Comprehensive Plan that is going to be presented to City Council. He wants all CPACs to join in with him in a "unified body" to go before City Council if you have a problem with the Comprehensive Plan. She said a resident had called and said there hadn't been enough time to respond. Dr. Norman said Jeannie Fewell, Director of the Planning Department would come to the next meeting if anyone had a problem with the plan.

Celia Miller raised the issue of land use zoning changes impacting her area and homeowners are protesting by way of petition and their neighborhood association is supporting the effort. Ms. Miller requested the support of CPAC 1 in their efforts to deny a change in the variance to the property at 2033 North Myrtle Avenue because it impacted four blocks of totally residential area. Dr. Norman asked if the Planning and Zoning Department had been notified and Ms. Miller stated that the department had been notified.

Dr. Norman asked to let the minutes reflect that concern so we can see and read over it to know exactly what we are supporting. Dr. Norman asked Ms. Miller what type of support did she want

from the CPAC. Ms. Miller responded that to protect the vested interest of the single family homeowners in that area they requested and were granted RMD zoning to protect their interest and to protect the integrity. Dr. Norman asked if we could have that in writing and Ms. Miller stated Ken Avery would have the specifics.
Carlon Robinson asked what area of Myrtle Avenue was the property located. Celia Miller responded it was located in front of 11th Street and Myrtle Avenue and was previously used for medical and dental offices. She further stated someone was attempting to use it as a daycare center and the homeowners did not wish to have that type of operation exist in that block. Dr. Norman said she speak with Ken Avery about it.
Ann Thompson said if any action on the recommendation was to be taken, it would have to be done today.

JoAnn Smith informed the group that the Children's Commission gave each CPAC a certificate of appreciation. Ms. Smith mentioned she had asked Ann Thompson if the CPAC could adopt one side of the room to have a place to put awards. Dr. Norman thanked JoAnn Smith for her work and she thanked Ann Thompson for supporting Ms. Smith. Ms. Smith mentioned that Louvenia Tippins and Michael Bryant also worked with her. She also reported that the Urban Core CPAC had only used $22,800 which meant next year the money left will carry over.

Old Business
Lt. J. C. Boney, of Zone 1, reported that they had been working complaints on A. Philip Randolph and had written citations. He also reported better results on Pearl Street between 8th and 44th Streets, that 15 traffic citations had been written. Dr. Norman mentioned she had complained about 21st and Myrtle/Moncrief and received a call from Chief Mittleman. The JSO arrested 15 people and closed down a store. Dr. Norman stated the store was cited for health reasons and drug business in the back of the store. She further stated that the arrests had cut down on "the ladies" walking down the street.

Celia Miller mentioned that after Fred Kyle's attendance at the previous meeting, there was a traffic counter on Myrtle Avenue.

Committee Reports
Dr. Norman asked Michael Bryant and Donna Rash-Sawyer to please serve on the Nominating Committee with Carlon Robinson. She also asked everyone to bring someone from their neighborhood to the meetings with them. Dr. Norman also introduced Catherine Griffin from the Eastside as an attendee.

Announcements
Celia Miller announced the SHADCO meeting for her area would be on Wednesday night on Commonwealth Avenue.
Lt. Boney announced the combined SHADCO meeting of Patrol East was to be held the next evening (Tuesday) at the FOP on Beach Boulevard.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 P.M.