URBAN CORE

CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary - Monday, February 26, 2001
5:00 PM - Schell-Sweet Community Resource Center

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Committee Members Present

Dr. Janetta Norman, Chairman
Donna Rash-Sawyer, Vice Chairman
Louvenia Tippins
Flo Johnson-McPherson
Padrica Mendez
Sharon Barker
Michael Bryant
Flossie Brunson

Staff/Guests Present

Steve Armstrong
Jack Minge
Linda F. Nelson
Kevin Gay
Daisy Cooper
Rogenia Hilton
Carol Miller
Stanley Macon
Barbara Roziers
Deloris Swain
Melody Bierwirth
Paul Tutwiler
Sheilia S. Williams
Juanita Gresham
Audrey Gibson
Keelia Britt
Carole Burchette
Patricia Sampson
L. William Lyons
Roslyn Phillips
William D. Sweet
Errol B. Schell
Ken Avery
Marsha K. Witt
Saul Cooper
Jeffrey Smith
Lorrie DeFrank
Janet Hamer
Milton Locklear
Margo Mochring
Johnny Swain
Wanda Forrest
Joe Paulus
Lillie Chanthavong
Vicki Hitzing
LaCree Carswell
Robert Clark
Carrie Davis
Chris Murphy
Frank Cunningham
Douglas Brown

Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:16.

Speakers

Steve Armstrong, Outreach and Prevention Specialist, Gateway Community Services presented materials and spoke about the programs offer through Gateway Community Services. He also said that they are willing to meet with neighborhood organizations or association and other groups, to help get the word out about the outreach and prevention programs.

Audrey Gibson, Board Member, JAXPRIDE, reported that an Ideas and Actions Forum would be held at the Radisson Riverwalk Hotel on March 7th. She also stated that the Mayor would introduce the Mayor's Neighborhood Trust Program for older neighborhoods at the forum.

Ken Avery, Sr. Planner, Planning and Development Department announced that the Planning Department has initiated a study to develop an East Jacksonville Neighborhood Action Plan. The first meeting will be held at the Brown/Eastside Library on March 5th at 6:00 P.M.

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Al Battle, Sr. Project Manager, Jacksonville Economic Development Commission (JEDC) gave a presentation on the LaVilla projects. He stated that 265 properties have been acquired and the following companies have completed or working toward completion. They are:

APEX Forms
Sally Industries
Sikes and Stowe
Lee and Cates Glass
Coffman-Coleman
LaVilla Partners, LLP
Volunteers of America
The LaVilla School of the Arts
Elkins Contractors
The Trophy Center
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Community Center
Educational Community Credit Union

Wanda Forrest, Sr. Planner, The Metropolitan Planning Organization, announced that the MPO will be holding a meeting on March 8th to discuss the public involvement with the MPO.

Stan Macon, Management Improvement Officer, Community Development and Janet Hamer, Chief of the Housing Services Division held a Public Hearing to discuss the Community Development Block Grant Program, Housing Opportunities for Person With Aids, Emergency Shelter Grants and HOME Investment Programs.

The deadline for applications is Monday, March 5, 2001 at 5:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting summary from the January 22nd meeting was approved.

Dr. Norman recognized the various Divisions/Departments and Agencies represented:

Reports

Building Code Enforcement, Jeff Smith - Assistant Supervisor introduced Frank Cunningham, Building Code Enforcement Officer. Officer Cunningham reported that he has been working in the Urban Core and would attend the Urban Core CPAC meetings and would be available to make reports when necessary.

Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP), no report

Planning and Development Department (PDD), no report

Duval County School Board, no report

Jacksonville Sheriff Office (JSO), no report

Announcements

Lorrie DeFrank, Chief of Neighborhood Services reported that the Mayor's Matching Grant applications are available and workshops will be held during the month of March.

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New Business

Donna Rash-Sawyer requested that a representative from the Super Bowl Task Force give a presentation to the Committee at a later date.

Old Business

Dr. Norman announced that the Celebration for Flossie Brunson was a great success. She read a letter from Ms. Brunson expressing her appreciation.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned 6:59 P.M.