URBAN CORE

CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary - Monday, March 26, 2001
5:00 PM - Cathedral Auditorium – 701 North Ocean Street

Committee Members Present

Dr. Janetta Norman, Chairman
Donna Rash-Sawyer, Vice Chairman
JoAnn Smith
Flo Johnson-McPherson
Ann Thompson
Celia Miller
Michael Bryant
Flossie Brunson
Rev. R. F. Langford
Henrietta Hill-Murray

Staff/Guests Present

Jack Gillrup
Bernard L. Frazier
Glenn B. McKibbin
Frank Cunningham
Milton Locklear
Jim Green
Judith A. Truett
Fredricka Bradley
Jennifer Hewett
Denise Bunnewith
Darryl Rash-Sawyer
Bryan Rash-Sawyer
David Margadonna
Karen Blutcher
David Margadonna
Lew Belkin
Jesse Wiles
Bryan Hensley
Deloris Swain
Johnny Swain
Rev. Gretchen VanAken
William D. Sweet

Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:14.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting summary from the February 26th meeting was approved with the necessary corrections.

Dr. Norman recognized Chief David Margadonna, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue – Station # 1. The Chief introduced himself and responded to several questions regarding illegal burning, etc.

Speakers

Judy Truett, Director of the Community Services Department introduced the members of her Department and the various Divisions they represented.

Bryan Hensley, Deputy Director of the Community Services Department gave an overview of the Office of the Director. He explained that although the Department has five (5) separate divisions, the Office of the Director has grown and manages several programs in addition to the divisions.

Glen McKibbin, Chief of the Adult Services Division provided an overview and brochure of the services provided through the Adult Services Division.

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Jack Gillrup, Chief of the Disable Services Division provided an overview and brochure of the services provided through the Disable Services Division

Judy Truett, Director added although that the Chief of the Mental, Health and Welfare Division, Virgil Green was unable to attend, she provided and overview and brochure of the services provided through the Mental, Health and Welfare Division.

Chet Smith, Chief of the Veteran Services Division provided an overview and brochure of the services provided through the Veteran Services Division.

Fredricka Bradley, Public Relations Coordinator of the Victim Services Division provided an overview and brochure of the services provided through the Victim Services Division.

Denise Bunnewith of the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization gave a presentation of the Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2001/2002 through 2005/2006.

Lew Belkin, Manager of the Chamber Alliance for Small Enterprises gave a presentation on the Enterprise Zone and the need for businesses to take advantage of the incentives.

Jesse Wiles, Asset Property Disposition gave an update on the East Jacksonville Neighborhood Action Plan, the Kings Road/Beaver Street Neighborhood Action Plan and the Edward Waters College Community Development Corporation (CDC).

Helena Attalla, Capital Improvement Program Coordinator gave a presentation of the Capital Improvement Program for 2001 – 2006. The project summary report was distributed in DRAFT form. She also informed the committee that the Annual Statewide Preservation Conference would be held in Jacksonville on May 16th – 20th 2001.

Reports

Building Code Enforcement, Frank Cunningham, Building Code Enforcement Officer was in attendance and stated that he would be bringing a report to the committee in the near future.

Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP), no report

Planning and Development Department (PDD), Jennifer Hewett, Planner participated with Jesse Wiles with the presentations on East Jacksonville, Kings Road/Beaver Street and Edward Waters College.

Duval County School Board, no report

Jacksonville Sheriff Office (JSO), no report

Jacksonville Fire and Rescue, Chief Margadonna gave a brief report earlier in the meeting.

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New Business

JoAnn Smith stated that she was contacted by Matt Thompson of the Jacksonville Children's Commission regarding the grant applications. Dr. Norman asked Michael Bryant to assist and Flossie Brunson volunteered to also participate on the committee.

Dr. Norman asked the committee if they wanted to have a bus tour of the Urban Core to familiarize members with the entire district. She asked William Sweet to look into preparing for a tour.

Dr. Norman stated that the May meeting is scheduled for the Memorial Day holiday and the committee needed to decide next month on when to move the meeting date.

Old Business

Celia Miller mentioned that she thought if the meeting locations would rotate as they had in the past, the attendance might improve.

Announcements

William Sweet reminded the committee of the deadline for the Mayor's Matching Grant Applications and the last workshop on Matching Grants.

The Mayor will be scheduling the next quarterly meeting of the CPAC Chairs in the near future.

The final draft of the New Executive Order and By-laws for the CPAC's is near completion and the CPAC Chairs will review the document prior to going to the Mayor.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned 7:49 P.M.