NORTH DISTRICT
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FCCJ
May 10, 2000
Meeting Summary

Members

Richard Berry	Delores Spruill	David Spruill	Barbara Darby
Vicki Drake	Frank Meyer	James Green	Robert Lee
Roland Biederer	Arthur Sullivan	Eugene Johnson	Kenneth Moore
LaTrecia Baker	Dot Mathias	Ed Pratt-Dannals	Jack Stuart
J.L. Hanapel	Jessie Sammons	Carol Hladki	Richard Bryant

Excused

Shirley Ealey	Harry Wagner	Gerri Betz-Jackson	Lois Adam

Guests

Warren Alvarez	Billy Harris	Sue Harrell	Mildred Raines
Donald Cannady	Puff Schwartz	Tom Williams	Robert Raines
Gar Fisher	Tom Atkins	Claude Myers	James Chansler

Staff

Glory Dixon	Carlton Higginbotham	Karen Blutcher
Michael Barry		

AGENDA ITEM I - Call to order and Verification of Quorum - LaTrecia Baker called the CPAC to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order without a quorum present. No action was taken until the quorum was present, which was between 4:30 and 4:45.

AGENDA ITEM II – There was a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The decision was unanimous.

AGENDA III – Presentation(s)

- James Chansler, Executive Vice President of Delivery of Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) made a presentation on JEA's Program for converting over head electric lines to underground.
- Claude Meyers of the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) made a presentation on Citizen's Forum For Racial Harmony.
- Robert Lee gave a report on a meeting he attended entitled "Citizens Health Advisory Committee".

AGENDA IV – Old Business

None

AGENDA V - Subcommittee Reports

- **Governmental Affairs Subcommittee**
  Jessie Sammons presented the following Bills to CPAC:
  E-00-50 #4 CPAC recommended denial.
  2000A-003 & 2000-377 CPAC recommended approval.
  2000A-004 & 2000-378 CPAC recommended approval.

1999D-003, 2000-342, 2000-243, 99-1048 CPAC recommended approval.
2000A-001, 2000-375 CPAC recommended denial with one oppose.
E-0043 #6 CPAC recommended denial.
W-00-13 #9 CPAC recommended approval.
AD-00-76 CPAC recommended approval.
E-0045 #10, AD-00-69 CPAC recommended denial.
E-0051 CPAC recommended approval.
The next Governmental Affairs Meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2000.

- **Transportation Subcommittee**
  No report
- **Crime Subcommittee**
  Carol Hladki, JSO presented the crime report for Zone 6. She also reported that a Sheriff Walk is planned for June 20th of Kendall Court Apartments and Lydia Estates.
- **Education Subcommittee**
  Ed Pratt Dannals, the Area Superintendent gave a report on schools in the north district and distributed literature on the characteristics of standards – based schools and classrooms.
- **Beautification Subcommittee**
  Dot Mathias reported that the next tree give away is May 13th at FCCJ North Campus, starting at 7 a.m. She also reported that by special request organizations can get more than one tree.
- **Children Commission Subcommittee**
  Dot Mathias gave a report of the Children Commission Grant Applications recommended for funding. The committee consisted of Shirley Ealey, Eugene Johnson, Mary Taylor, Carol Whitson, LaTrecia Baker-Ex officio and Dot Mathias, Chairman. The applicants and recommended amounts are as follows:
  1. For Kids By Kids, The Sound Of Laughter-Highlands Middle School $1,150
  2. You Gotta Have Art –Highlands Middle School $7,500
  3. Book Of The Month Club $1,500
  4. Summer Youth Development Academy $10,000
  5. Eye Glasses For School Children $7,500
  6. Playground Equipment $7,500

  Total recommended funding $35,150; the balance of $4,850 will roll over to the following year. CPAC recommended approval.
- **Census SubCommittee**
  Jack Stuart encouraged everyone to completed the census form. He provided an update on the census data collection efforts.

A. Council Member's Report

Councilman Warren Alvarez shared some of the topics that are being discussed in city government, to include: the Mayor's Road Program, the zoo, plans for a park on Heckscher Drive, Cecil Field $25 million budget, increased sales tax.

B. Staff Reports

Property Safety Division

Michael Barry, Code Enforcement, reported that he continues to remove cars from yards in the northside, particularly Oceanway. Mr. Barry also entertained questions and concerns of residents.

Neighborhood Services Division

Karen Blutcher, Outreach Manager of the Neighborhood Services Division introduces herself and announced that Lorrie DeFrank is now the Chief of the NSD. She also asked CPAC to complete the Neighborhood Services Division's survey because it helps to improve service.

Glory Dixon made the following announcements:

- The 5th Annual Mayor's Neighborhood Summit is being planned for September 8th and 9th. The Neighborhood Services Division is requesting each CPAC to select a winner for the individual award and the neighborhood award by August 15th.
- Affordable Housing Expo 2000, June 10th, from 10 to 2 p.m. at Gateway Shopping Mall in the former J.C. Penny's site.

Parks, Recreation & Entertainment Department

Carlton Higginbotham provided the following comments: Lonnie Miller Park as a whole is not contaminated, only the lower field towards Trout River. He encouraged mothers not to worry because the playground area is not contaminated. He also stated that if you are giving seed money to private organizations to build play grounds, it is important that they are totally handicap accessible and built to park standards or the city will face liability. **Dot Mathias** stated that she would get clarification on the playground equipment for the church and bring back a report at the next meeting.

Florida Dept. Of Transportation (FDOT)

James Green, Transportation Planner for the Florida Dept. of Transportation, reported that the there will be a traffic signal study this fall to include Percy Road and Lem Turner. He also stated that there will be a resurfacing project on Heckscher Drive and New Berlin by year 2003. Reportedly, Mobility 2000 passed legislation that I-95 to Nassau will be six lanes. Afterwards, plans are to restrict trucks to the right hand lane.

AGENDA VI - New Business

None

- **Public Comments**

None

AGENDA ITEM VII – Adjournment

The next CPAC meeting will be held on June 14, 2000, at 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at FCCJ North Campus.