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Until approved at the next CPAC MEETING

MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
City Rescue Mission – 426 S McDuff Avenue
April 8, 2004

Committee Members Present

Diane Kerr, Chairperson
Bertha Richardson, Better Living
Betty Griner, Cicso Gardens
Bishop Johnson, Grace & Truth Church
Gloriden Norris, Lake Park
Orzola & Gadson Burgess, Magnolia Gardens
Joseph Anderson, Pickettville
Deborah Merritt, Pickettville
Rosalie Proudme, Sherwood Forest
Thomas May, Thomas Jefferson
James Clark, Whitehouse
Larry Solomon, Carver Manor
Michelle Frericks, Murray Hill
Barney Roberts
Roberta Wilson, Robinson's Addition
Jonas Gloster, Kinlock
Todd Johnson, Willowbranch Park
*Lance Hunt, Victoria Landing
Stanley Clay, Rep District 10
Daphne Colbert, District 10
Excused: Faye Richardson, Doretha Tompkins

City/Staff/Public/Media

Rosalyn Phillips, Mayor's Liaison/Director of Neighborhoods
Bob Baughman, Director of Parks, Recreation & Entertainment
Denise Ostertag, Chief of Recreation Activities
Dr. Delphia Williams, Director of Community Services
Marilynn Stevenson, Chief of Adult Services
Larry Dixon, Program Manager
Tim Franklin, Office of General Counsel
Milton Locklear, FDOT
Jack Shad, Planning & Development
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Services
Johnny Carter, Cedar Hills
Timothy Butts, Better Living
Art Williams, Sherwood Forest
Joy Burgess, UF Dept of Pediatrics
Likerty Dizon, UF Dept. of Pediatrics
UNF Nursing
Mario Transfiguracion
Vicky Willis
Valerie Jennings

Call to Order

Diane Kerr, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m. at the City Rescue Mission – 426 S McDuff Avenue and welcomed everyone.

Invocation: Gadson Burgess

Approval of the Meeting Summary

When a quorum was established the meeting summary from the March 11, 2004 meeting was reviewed. *A Motion to approve was made by Joseph Anderson and a second from Gadson Burgess. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.*

Special Workshop – “Community Centers and Their Availability”

On the Panel were:

- Department of Parks & Recreation: Bob Baughman, Director, Denise Ostertag, Chief of Recreation Activities
- Community Services: Dr. Delphia Williams, Director, Marilynn Stevenson, Chief of Adult Services and Larry Dixon, Program Manager
- Office of General Counsel: Tim Franklin

Each panelist presented information on how their services were offered to the community. Members spoke very highly on being able to access Lincoln Villas Community Center. Lists were distributed that had the Adult Services Community Centers that are used by senior citizens and the Parks Department Community Centers that are primarily used by the youth. Community Centers for Neighborhood Associations can be utilized for meetings without a charge.

The following were the suggestions for “Community Centers and Their Availability”:

- Children need to have a voice in the process of developing programs
- Activities – need assessments from the youth and adults as to what services are needed at each location
- Check with school programs in each area to see that programs are not duplicated there and to see what is needed
- Need more youth programs to get centers to be open – have partnerships with 501.c 3 organizations to provide requested services
- Get more volunteers to help with existing and new programs
- Use centers to develop interest and more children may attend programs
- Have lunch programs during the summer for the youth at all Park Centers
- Get more help from existing Non-Profits and the Non Profit Center
- New Parks Task Force should help in identifying needs
- With the change of staff – need to have better communications on what each department is doing so as not to duplicate services
- Advertise about “Centers as Rental” opportunities
- Have 501.c 3 chartered as a partner in the Adopt-A-Park program with a signed agreement that lasts 3 years for 3 terms (Past agreements had been mostly verbal with past administrators – new ones need to be drawn up for the current administration)
- Should let all groups be aware that long standing agreements are over and it is time to fill out a new application
- Look at having 2 turnkeys at each turn key site to make it more convenient for Neighborhood Associations access to the center for meetings
- Need better communication from the city to the associations in regards to park & senior centers
- Check with neighborhood leaders and associations to see what services they need in that community

Announcements

Jax Parks Family Fest (Old Fam Jams) will be at Clanzel T. Brown on April 17th from 10am to 3pm

A Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Thomas May and a second by Barney Roberts. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.

The next meeting will be on May 13, 2004 at 6pm at the City Rescue Mission – 426 S McDuff Avenue