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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
June 10, 2004

Committee Members Present

Diane Kerr, Chairperson
Randy Mallory, Vice Chair
Larry Solomon, Carver Manor
Patrick Hayle, City Rescue
Margo Bliss, City Rescue
Judy Taylor, District 12 Rep
Stanley Clay, District 10 Rep
Gadson & Orzola Burgess, Magnolia Gardens
Thomas Hudson, Magnolia Gardens
Joseph Anderson, Pickettville
Edward Hall, Ribault Hills
Oliver Muldrow, Ribault Hills
Elaine Burnett, RAP
Bishop Johnson, Grace & Truth Church
Thomas May, Thomas Jefferson
Barney Roberts
Todd Johnson, Willowbranch Park
Janice Kelley, Willowbranch Park

City/Staff/Public/Media

Elizabeth Kohler, COJ Preservation Project
Milton Locklear, FDOT
Jack Shad, Planning & Development
Elaine Lancaster, Property Safety
Calvin Lee, Property Safety
Thelma Jackson, Consumer Affairs
Jennifer Kohn, Building Inspector
Dave Jones, DOH
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Services
UNF Nursing Program – Professor William Ahrens
Donna Jones
Henry & Peggy Lyons
Benton Paul, NFCAA/Fresh Ministries
Michael Kelley

Excused: Roslyn Phillips. Deborah Merritt, Faye Richardson

Call to Order

Diane Kerr, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:04p.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 May 13, 2004 meeting was reviewed. *A Motion to approve as written was made by Gadson Burgess and a second from Barney Roberts. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.*

Guest Speakers

- **Dave Jones, Environmental Engineer, DOH** – Report on the Grant for the Fish Study-there are not a lot of fish in the creek since it was last tested. He presented the stats and the findings. Members had numerous questions on this study as well as retention ponds, waterways, Brownfield's and ash sites. If you would like a copy of the report or more information please call Dave at 630-3259 direct line or office number 630-3251
- **Elizabeth Kohler, Preservation Project Administrator "Preservation Project Jacksonville and Future Plans for Park Development"** 630-4920 Mayor Peyton is committed to preservation. They would like to see a green belt around the city with parkland and to develop more partners with the National and Florida Park Service. There are a few more parcels of land needed for access that still need to be purchased. The Mayor's Task Force on Parks began in May and their goal is to have a report completed in December. They not only want to be the biggest Park System but the Best in the country. The Master Improvement Plan on parks is complete. *Members would like a copy of this report. Chairperson Kerr also asked to get a map of the parks green space around the city.*

Chairperson Kerr introduced Professor William Ahrens from the UNF Nursing Program. There are 12 assigned to the City Rescue and 1 CPAC meeting is mandatory. He and his students participated in the Day of Service that CSX/City Year/North Riverside just held. Be sure to check out the wall murals of the trains on the City Rescue Building. The day was a great success!

Staff Reports

JSO – Lt. Christian Smith – 384-8028 Zone 5 Sub Station answered questions on the new rifles that officers will be trained on and getting. He passed out Incident Reports and asked that members or citizens please use this form to get a follow up on the issue that is reported. 24 new recruits will be graduating and 5 will be coming to Zone 5. They are short a few officers. The new Community Service Officers are being trained and will be assisting the street Officers with traffic problems. They will not carry any weapons or have arrest power. They will have different colored uniforms and the cars will have yellow lights.

FDOT – Milton Locklear (360-5686) presented an update on the following: Post & College Street possibilities:

1. Do nothing and leave it the way it is
2. Make it 2-way which resident's want but no improvements
3. Make it 2-way with improvements with turn lanes – On Monday Public Works agreed to a 2-way street with no

improvements. Your voice was heard. Possible completion date will be in 2006. RAP – Elaine Burnett said that was welcome news and "Thank You". Milton said that a JSO issue that continued to come up on the one-way street was an issue since criminals could escape quickly. FCMPO – First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization – he passed out information and went over major work to be done in the upcoming years.

Planning & Development – Jack Shad (630-2486) reported on the following:

- Planning Commission 7-29-04 – No Ordinance number – West end of Garden Street – small village center PUD for 750 homes at Pine Grove Dairy

- Moncrief & Whitner – RMD-A to RMD – B – hasn't really applied yet
- E-04-55/AD-04-121 – Existing Church to add Fellowship Hall - Miriam St./Harding Ave./Paragon St.
- AD-04-110 – 7259 Melvin Road – carport and fence (7-9-04)

Building Inspector – Jennifer Kohn 630-1100 had a handout on Construction Trades Qualifying Board and if you are having work done to please call them to check on if the company is licensed with the City/State. There are lots of scams going on so please be careful.

Neighborhoods Department: Property Safety – Elaine Lancaster (630-1212 ext 4873) reported that they have been in the Kinlock/Carver Manor/North Riverside/Sherwood Forest neighborhood. They have been working extremely hard and have cited the greatest amount of issues in one week's time from their 9 Officers. They are working with the Council to change certain ordinances to have more teeth for repeat offenders. Members stated that they are very appreciative of their responsiveness. Chairperson Kerr said there have been problems with the Municipal Code Board and just lost another member – James Clark. They need to have the ability to do what is right for the community and to have more training. *A Motion by Barney Roberts to have Chairperson Kerr get with Roslyn Phillips to see what can be done about the Code Board was made and a second by Gadson Burgess. The Vote; All in favor, none opposed.* Elaine also answered questions from members.

Consumer Affairs – Thelma Jackson 630-2089 reported that her office is here to serve you. They maintain a list of companies that are credible as well as charities. So please call the office to see if the company or charity is legitimate. If you are going to solicit funds you need to have a City permit that costs \$50 for the first year and \$15 each year after that. If you need to have a speaker at a meeting they have a speaker's bureau at the main number of 630-1212 ext 4090. There have been lots of scams by car dealers so watch what you sign and call their office if you have questions. Legal Aid is also holding classes on bankruptcy and credit counseling. Pickettville wanted to compliment Consumer Affairs for the good information they present to the community.

Neighborhood Services – Marilyn Fenton-Harmer (630-7024) reported on the following:

- The Florida State Neighborhoods Conference will be on September 16-18, 2004 at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Registration booklets are at the printers and will be mailed once they are ready.
- Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grants are due June 30th but if you did not attend a mandatory pre-application workshop your grant will not be eligible.
- The Neighborhood Leadership Training Institute will begin on July 6th for 7 weeks on Tuesday and Thursday evening at Shands Towers. It is a first come-first served registration process but we hope you will consider having 2 or 3 people from your organization attend to have leaders in waiting.
- Sail Jacksonville will be this weekend on the St. Johns River. See flyer for details
- 9th Annual Fiesta Playera will be June 19th at the Seawalk Pavilion noon to 1-pm
- There was a problem with the Suns tickets that were given out at the last CPAC meeting. Please be sure to use the tickets appropriately.

Chairperson Kerr stepped down from the Chair and Vice Chair Randy Mallory acted as Chair:

AD – 04- 107 Diane Kerr reported that 2952 Edison Avenue is a Day Care that placed a Module Unit on the property with out getting any permits or approvals. They have violated the building code and they were reported. They are now allowed to seek approval for the Administrative Deviation and Exception. They have been already warned not to occupy the unit until it has been approved. Children & Families have come out to check on this as well. They want to reduce the parking spaces from 12 to none. They have been parking at Harrison Uniforms next door but they do not have a lease or legal agreement. The nature of the Day Care on dropping off the children on a very busy street such as Edison Avenue is a great safety problem for the children and families. This is a wrong message to send to the public "that it is better to ask for forgiveness than following the laws and rules". Diane is asking for the NW CPAC support to oppose this item. *A Motion was made by Elaine Burnett and a second from Barney Roberts to support North Riverside's Neighborhood to request that the deviation not be granted. This will send the wrong message to the community and the safety of the children is a concern. The Vote: All in favor, none opposed. The hearing was postponed until 7-9-04. Call Kenny Logsdon at 630-1900 or 630-2516 for questions.*

Beautification Sub Committee – First Planning meeting for Clean up Jacksonville Day on Oct. 23rd will be June 22nd at 2pm

CPAC Attendance – If you do NOT attend 3 meetings in a row and do NOT call to be excused you will be taken off the membership roster.

Nominations for Citizen and Neighborhood for 2004

Thomas Hudson nominated Gadson Burgess, President of Magnolia Gardens North and Michelle Frericks nominated Randy Mallory.

Chairperson Kerr said these two individuals were perfect examples for the award due to their tireless devotion to the community. They voted for both to receive the award. Marilyn Fenton-Harmer explained that only one person and one neighborhood could win the award. *The NW CPAC membership wanted the Motion to say they were both nominated as co-winners, which were made, by Elaine Burnett and a second by Janice Kelley. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.*

Neighborhood Associations: Magnolia Gardens and Murray Hill were both nominated. A reminder that only one could win but members wanted them to be co-winners but if someone had to withdraw Randy said that Murray Hill had won a year ago. *A Motion was made by Thomas Hudson and a second by Barney Roberts. The Vote: All in favor, none opposed.*

Announcements

- Michelle Paul, UNF Graduate Student invited members to a public opinion meeting on affordable housing to get input from the community. The meetings will be on 6-21-04 at the Main Library at 6:45pm, 6-22-04 at 7pm, 6-23-04 at Gateway Small Business Center at 7pm, 6-24-04 at Regency Library at 6pm.
- A letter from Hecksher Drive in the N CPAC sent a letter opposing the cruise ship terminal at the Sisters Creek Marina
- The Bullet Train that we voted on will now cost an estimated \$500 million a year for 20 years and it won't even come to Jacksonville. It should be on the ballot in November.

A Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by at 9:40pm

The next meeting will be on July 8, 2004 at 6pm at the Ritz Theatre – 829 N Davis Street