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Until approved at the next CPAC MEETING

MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Ribault High School – Amphitheater Room
3701 Winton Drive
January 10, 2002

Committee Members Present

Diane Kerr, Chairperson – North Riverside
George Leverett, Vice Chair – Better Living
Thomas May – Thomas Jefferson
Norman Study – Cisco Gardens
Faye Richardson – Cisco Gardens
Pastor E.M. Johnson – Grace & Truth Church
Jean Lewis – Sherwood Forest
Barney Roberts – Sherwood Forest
Erma Cole – Robinson’s Addition
Joseph Anderson – Pickettville Civic Club
Deborah Merritt – Pickettville Civic Club
Ernest Clayton – Kinlock Civic Assoc.
Norris Reid – Kinlock Civic Assoc.
Laura Lee – Kinnard Community
Rita Nesbit – Kinnard Community
Larry Solomon – Carver Manor
Paul Carneal – Weschester Homeowner’s
Al Feagin – Stafford Road
Rosa Stephens – Royal Terrace
*Lance Hunt – Victoria Landing
*Darrell Brock – Washington Heights
*Cassandra Person – Washington Heights
*Sonya Ross – Palm Terrace
*Reagina Young – Hollybrook Homes
*Teresa Burton - FCFHF
Councilman Lad Daniels

City/Staff/Public/Media

Mario Taylor, Mayor’s Liaison, RESD Director
Lorrie DeFrank, Neighborhood Services
Jennifer Kohn, Building Inspector
Milton Locklear, FDOT
Jack Shad, Planning & Development
Peter King, Planning & Development
Katie Urban, Code Enforcement
Steve Middleton, Code Enforcement
Brian Duffy, Code Enforcement
Valerie Williams, JEDC
Matt Thompson, Jacksonville Children’s Commission
Felicia Bridgewater, Neighborhood Services
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Coordinator
Celeste Hicks, Councilman Daniels Aide

Henry Cue - Better Living
Grace Atkinson – Better Living
James & Janell Gross – Washington Heights
Lisa Taylor – Washington Heights
Carrie Presha – Washington Heights
Janet Thompson – Washington Heights
Stevie Watts – MLK Elementary
Deborah Wyche – Ribault Homeowner’s
Judy Youngblood

Call to Order

Chairman Kerr called the meeting to order at 6:10p.m. at Ribault High School – Amphitheater Room, 3701 Winton Drive and welcomed everyone. She wanted to thank the members for electing her to another term and thanked George Leverett for a great year. Vice Chairman Leverett also thanked the membership for electing him to another term and vowed to work harder.

Invocation: Larry Solomon

Approval of the Meeting Summary

When a quorum was established the meeting summary from the December 13, 2001 meeting was reviewed. *A Motion to approve as written was made by Norman Study and a second by Joseph Anderson. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.*

Guest Speakers

Valerie Williams, JEDC Northwest Trust Fund, spoke about the Northwest Trust Fund Guidelines that were approved by the City Council. There are 4 programs that all target business for the NW: Infrastructure, Façade, Large and Small Business development initiatives. There are 10 neighborhoods that are targeted areas. The map and neighborhoods will be sent to Diane Kerr for the next meeting. If you have any questions call 630-1906 or www.coj.net/JEDC or Valerie Williams at 630-3689

If there is a gap in the NW Visioning for economic development Mario Taylor will assist in this.

Felicia Bridgewater, Neighborhood Services, Mayor’s Matching Grant, gave an overview that the focus of the grants this year will be beautification. The training workshops will be March 7th & 14th at 6:30 PM and March 21st & April 4th at 10:30 AM at City Hall in the Renaissance Room. The grants will be due on June 28, 2002 Any questions please call Greg Owens at 630-7041

Matt Thompson, Jacksonville Children’s Commission, New Ways (CPAC) Grants, gave an overview of the grant. He will assist anyone that needs help. His number is 630-6432 There are 3 categories: Neighbor to Neighbor, In Our Community and Kids by Kids. The deadline is March 11th. The NW CPAC requests anyone who submits an application to come to the sub-committee meeting on March 14th at 5PM before the regular meeting. Remember CPAC members this sub committee is open to all members to go over the grants.

Community Discussion

Thomas May, Thomas Jefferson, said that the Wal-Mart on Normandy would have a grand opening in May.

Larry Solomon, Carver Manor, said that Code Enforcement did a good job last year but junk cars are still in the neighborhood.

Erma Cole, Robinson's Addition, reported that 46 homes had been finished last year with Paint the Town. Builders Care is in the process of rehab of 30 homes. They will have a Fun Day and a cleanup in the spring. Youth Reaching out grant was very successful and hopes to get more funding.

Cassandra Person, Washington Heights Estates said they were working hard on the neighborhood. She also spoke about the COPS (Community Policing) program. Darrell Brock wanted to know when the Charles Reese Boat Ramp would be re-done?

Jean Lewis, Sherwood Forest, spoke on the New Ways Grant her neighborhood received last year and how wonderful it was for the children.

Chairperson Kerr welcomed Councilman Lad Daniels and his Aide, Celeste Hicks and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Staff Reports

Mario Talyor, Mayor's Liaison, will assist the CPAC in any way he can.

Katie Urban, Property Safety, went over the new rules on liens to cars that need to be towed. Citizens are needed for the Municipal Code Enforcement Board, if you are interested see Katie or Marilyn after the meeting. Property Safety will start a sweep from Beaver Street to McDuff to Edgewood to Woodstock Park. Brian Duffy the new Officer for the area was introduced. Lots of code concerns were made. Chairperson Kerr said that they would set up for a Town Meeting on Code Enforcement after the Visioning Meeting.

Milton Locklear, FDOT said there would be a Public Meeting on Jan. 17th at 5PM on Irene Street

Jack Shad, Planning & Development reminded members that the first charette would be on Feb. 5th at Crystal Springs Community Center at 6PM. Please tell your neighbors. They also distributed an Exception for a Manufactured Home on Doris Lane and a daycare off Division Street. If you are not listed with the Planning Department your Association will not receive notification unless you live within the 350-foot required notification. It takes the Tax Appraisers Office a year to list new homes on the tax roles. Can this be done sooner since the public needs to be informed on changes in the neighborhood before it happens not after the fact. This also goes for the waivers and exceptions. Peter King will check on this and let us know at the next meeting.

Announcements

Zoo Tickets are available to the Neighborhood Associations, please see Marilyn Fenton-Harmer after the meeting to sign the sheet.

On behalf of the NW CPAC, Rosa Stephens wanted to thank Diane Kerr, George Leverett and Marilyn Fenton-Harmer for all their hard work and presented them with a small token of appreciation.

A Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Thomas May and a second by Joseph Anderson. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50p.m.

**The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 14, 2002
at 6pm Ribault High School, 3701 Winton Drive**