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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
March 14, 2002

Committee Members Present

George Leverett, Vice Chair
Thomas May, Thomas Jefferson
Faye Richardson, Cisco Gardens
Teresa Mary, Murray Hill
Joseph Anderson, Pickettville
Deborah Merritt, ShAdCo O
Rev. Anthony Wyche, Ribault
Elaine Burnett, RAP
Laura Lee, Kinnard
Rita Nesbit, Kinnard
Christina Campbell, Kinnard
Pastor Eugene Johnson, Grace & Truth
William Taylor, Northwest Homeowners
Ernest Clayton, Kinlock
James Gloster, Kinlock
Erma Cole, Robinson's Addition
Jean Lewis, Sherwood Forest
Bertha Richardson, Better Living
Mae Dinah, Better Living
Councilwoman Gwen Yates

City/Staff/Public/Media

Mario Taylor, Mayor's Liaison, RESD Director
Karen Miller, Neighborhood Services
Sgt. Spates, JSO Zone 5
Terri Lindemann, Code Enforcement
Frank Cunningham, Building Inspector
Milton Locklear, FDOT
Jack Shad, Planning Department
Jeff Sheffield, Planning Department
Helena Atalla, Planning Department
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Services
Edward Exson, Kinnard
Roaslee Smith, Grace & Truth
Delores Taylor, Northwest Homeowners
Judy Youngblood
James Clark
Inez Malloy
Eunice Barnum, Sherwood Forest
Henry Cue, Better Living
Evelyn Tukes, Oasis of Jax.
UNF Students:
Cheryl Anderson Cheyene Igbokwe Marie Louine
Michelle Valdres Carie Murphy Tussannee Wiggs
Ameenia Burton Michelle Statham Bethany Lester
Stephen Lawrence Diny Hanson

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Leverett called the meeting to order at 6:08PM at Ribault High School – Amphitheater Room, 3701 Winton Drive and welcomed everyone. Chairman Diane Kerr regrets that she can not be in attendance but there is a conflict with a Town Hall Meeting hosted by Councilman Fullwood for the North Riverside Community.

Invocation: Bertha Richardson

Approval of the Meeting Summary

When a quorum was established the meeting summary from the January 10, 2002 meeting was reviewed. *A Motion to Approve as written was made by Thomas May and a second by Teresa Mary. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.*

Guest Speakers

Jeff Sheffield, FCMPO - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2002/2003 through 2006/2007 made a presentation with a question and answer session. The concerns were if a passing lane can be put into Kings Road and Lane Avenue North, Post Street, McDuff and Edgewood need repairs, Beaver Street being repaved from the new viaduct to McDuff and Murray Hill does not have any projects scheduled. If you have any questions please call Jeff at 630-1911

Helena Atalla, Planning & Development - 2002-2007 Draft of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) made a presentation explaining that these projects were over \$25,000 in a 5 year period. A question and answer session followed. If you have any suggestions please call Helena at 630-4921

Vice Chairman Leverett welcomed Councilwoman Yates to the meeting. She spoke on topics that were being discussed and also mentioned that land on the Ribault River was purchased for preservation so that we all may enjoy the River. She is always looking for other parcels on the North side. Councilwoman Yates also reported that a drug house that had been a major problem for 2 years was DARTed and closed down. It does take a long time but it does work.

Community Discussion

◆ The Cisco Gardens Neighborhood Association submitted pictures of roads that were resurfaced unsatisfactorily in January and no one has responded to her from the Better Jacksonville office or Public Works. They do not want sub standard work to continue and the roads have to repaved with taxpayers dollars. Members also wanted roads to have curbs so those street sweepers could be used.

◆ A question of contamination of the land that was given to St. Paul's Church was asked. It was said it was not contaminated yet Members believe it is.

◆ A question of accountability when someone gets a grant whom checks to see that it is spent correctly was asked.

◆ A letter was read from the Kinlock Civic Association on the need to have a non-biased board to review problems of athletics.

A Motion to investigate allegations that someone was penalized without investigation and to ask the Parks and Recreation Department there side of the story was made by Elaine Burnett and a second by Rev. Anthony Wyche. The Vote: All were in Favor, none opposed.

A Committee of Anthony Wyche, Darrell Brock, George Leverett, Elaine Burnett, and Evelyn Tukes was set up and will meet at 5:30 PM before the next CPAC meeting on Thursday, April 11th.

◆ Elaine Burnett explained that the True Commission is a board set up by the City Council to review and audit reports from the General Counsel's Office, city departments and required audits. They are taxpayers that make suggestions to make a difference. They are appointed by the City Council. Her term ends in June and will need a replacement.

Staff Reports

Mario Taylor, Mayor's Liaison, had no report or homework from the last meeting.

Karen Blutcher, Neighborhood Services, reported that training for the Mayor's Matching Grants were being held as we speak, March 21st and April 4th at 10:30am at City Hall at St. James in the Renaissance Room. If you have not applied this will be most helpful. They are due on June 28, 2002. The St. Johns River City Clean up will take place Saturday, March 16th from 10 to 5 at Metro Park. The clean ups will take place at various locations before the celebration.

Terri Lindemann, Property Safety, reported that the department is out of funds and is trying to get more money for demolitions. Councilwoman Yates reported that another \$300,000 was just approved. Forms were passed out to report problems and would be followed up at the next meeting. Question of how to get housing repairs were asked and Builders Care at 727-3443 was given. Members wanted Code Officers to do a better job and to all follow the same rules.

Milton Locklear, FDOT, reported on some of the same issues that Jeff Sheffield mentioned and will check on some of the State projects. It was suggested not to give up on Post Street but to write a letter to the MPO.

Frank Cunningham, Building Inspector, their office has increased the number of inspectors working on the weekends to catch unlicensed contractors. As of March 1st there is a new stricter building code. You can report problems to the Call Center at 630-CITY.

Jack Shad, Planning & Development thanked all those who attended the first Northwest Visioning Session. They will meet again in April or May. Questions on the new Town Center Plan were asked. The plan will give grant money to help set up a visioning session, design and identify funding sources and then implement the plan. More information will be forthcoming next month.

Sgt. Spates, JSO was available to take concerns after the meeting.

Vice Chairman Leverett asked all UNF Students to stand and be acknowledged and thanked them for attending.

Announcements

◆ Town Hall Meeting by Councilman Fullwood and the NW CPAC on Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 PM at Louis Dinah Center, 1805 Flag Street

◆ Volunteer Jacksonville sent out an e-mail inviting 501 3 C organizations to pick up desks, cabinets and chairs from the Greenwood School at 3405 Atlantic Blvd on Friday, March, 15th from 3 PM until 5 PM only.

◆ Calling All Boaters – Blessing of the Fleet – Sunday, March 24th Northbank Riverfront Park at 2 PM

◆ The World of Nations Celebration will be from Friday, April 26-28, 2002 at Metropolitan Park. A one-day ticket is \$3. Please see the brochure for further details

◆ Jean Lewis wanted to thank Marilyn Fenton-Harmer for her thoughtfulness in sending a get well card.

A Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Thomas May and a second by Nick Phoenix. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM

**The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 11, 2002
at 6PM Pickettville Civic Club, 3459 NORTH Lane Avenue
Sub Committee – New Ways Grants 5 PM
Sub Committee – Parks & Recreation 5:30 PM**

