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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 93-171

TO: All Elected Officials, Department Heads, Division Chiefs, Independent Agencies, Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Councils

FROM: Ed Austin, Mayor

RE: City-Wide Neighborhood Response Team

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor by the Charter and as Chief Executive Officer of the Consolidated Government, it is ordered:

Section 1. Background. In October 1992 the Neighborhood Economic Development Initiative (NEDI) was formed in government in recognition that neighborhoods are important building blocks and play a vital role in the overall quality of life and economic stability of the City. Having easily accessible, safe and decent housing with convenient public and commercial services, as well as community pride and citizen involvement contribute enormously to the quality of life in neighborhoods.

NEDI's goal is to develop a substained cooperative partnership between Jacksonville's government and its neighborhoods.

To facilitate such a partnership an Inter-Agency Task Force was convened to provide workable recommendations to remedy problems and issues in the Springfield Historic District as presented by its residents and community-based organizations.

Because the Inter-Agency Task Force has served well as an appropriate model to facilitate, plan and implement neighborhood revitalization activities and to coordinate solutions to neighborhood issues and problems:

Section 2. Neighborhood Response Team Created. There is hereby created the City of Jacksonville Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) to be comprised of the Representatives listed in Exhibit A. The Chief of the Economic Development Division, Planning and Development Department or his designee shall serve as the Coordinator of the Neighborhood Response Team. The initial chairman will be the Director of Public Works.

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The Mayor will appoint a chairperson annually.

Section 3. **Meeting, Organizations, Rules**. The Coordinator will schedule meetings as necessary for the Neighborhood Response Team to perform its functions. Policy directives issued by the Mayor or the Chief Administrative Officer will be integrated into the planning and program decision-making process. Decisions, recommendations and policy generated by the members attending an announced meeting will be considered as the opinion of the Neighborhood Response Team as a whole. Subcommittees of the NRT will be assigned by the chair as appropriate. The NRT will meet as necessary.

Section 4. **Purpose and Function**. The purpose of the Neighborhood Response Team is to coordinate with the Citizens Planning Advisory Committee and NEDI in developing work plans to resolve neighborhood problems. In so doing, it shall:

(a) Remedy targeted neighborhoods' physical and social needs to the maximum extent possible;

(b) Participate in joint community planning forums to identify issues, problems and solutions; and

(c) Annually evaluate the operating and capital budgets of City Departments to ensure neighborhood planning goals and objectives are achieved.

Section 5. **Administrative Support**. In that neighborhoods are vital to the overall quality of life and economic stability, any deterioration of neighborhoods has a significant adverse impact on our local economy, I have given the NRT my highest priority. As such, it is ordered that the full resources of City Government will respond and cooperate to the maximum extent possible.

Staff support for the NRT will be provided by the Planning and Development Department. Coordination of administrative support shall be provided by the Economic Development Division and the Mayor's Neighborhood Economic Development Initiative (NEDI).

Section 6. **Technical Support**. Data information and technical support shall be requested on an as-needed basis from the appropriate city, state and federal agency.

Approved as to conformity with sound fiscal policy:

Director of Administration and Finance

Approved and Issued:

Mayor

Approved:

General Counsel

Approval Date: October 4, 1993

Effective Date: October 5, 1993

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EXHIBIT A

CITY AGENCIES:

* Economic Development Division (Coordinator of the NRT), Planning and Development Department
* Comprehensive Planning, Planning and Development Department
* Transportation Planning, Planning and Development Department
* Land Use, Planning and Development Department
* Water Division, Public Utilities Department
* Solid Waste Division, Public Utilities Department
* Engineering, Public Works Department
* Maintenance Division, Parks, Recreation and Entertainment Department
* Planning, Research and Grants, Parks, Recreation and Entertainment Department
* Streets and Drainage, Public Works Department
* Traffic Engineering, Public Works Department
* Real Estate Division, Public Works Department
* Building and Zoning Inspection, Regulatory and Environmental Services Department
* Property Safety, Regulatory and Environmental Services Department
* Fire and Rescue Department, Prevention Division
* Community Development, Jacksonville Housing and Urban Development
* Affordable Housing, Jacksonville Housing and Urban Development
* Adult & Children Services Divisions, Community Services
* Private Industry Council (PIC), Community Services
* Deputy Director of Administration and Finance Department for Administration
* Office of Budget and Management
* Public Information Office

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES:

* Duval County Housing Finance Authority
* Distribution Engineering, Jacksonville Electric Authority
* Mass Transit, Jacksonville Transportation Authority
* Engineering Division, Jacksonville Transportation Authority
* Adult Education, Duval County School Board
* Technical and Vocational Schools, Duval County School Board
* Downtown Development Authority
* Community Affairs Division, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

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SUMMARY

NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (NEDI)

EXPANDED NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH

The Mayor's neighborhood Economic Development Initiative was created to foster a neighborhood based planning process to maintain existing thriving neighborhoods and to revitalize those communities experiencing economic distress.

The major points of the Expanded NEDI is:

O True neighborhood change is achievable when the impacted residents and businesses are empowered to help City hall eliminate the negative influences in their neighborhoods.

O Official recognition of NEDI as the City's liaison with neighborhoods. Responsible for coordinating the programs and services of City Departments and Independent agencies to remedy issues and problems reported by neighborhoods.

O Create through Executive Order a Neighborhood Response Team in City government to immediately begin coordinating with NEDI to develop work plans to address neighborhood problems.

O Establish within City Departments annual objectives and strategies to meet neighborhood goals. This begins the process of "institutionalizing" neighborhood planning in City operating agencies.

O Direct the Planning and Development Department to provide technical planning support to neighborhoods. Also, the Department will evaluate neighborhood plans for consistency with the Comprehensive 2010 Plan.

O Commit the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG), general revenues, bond funds, Federal and State money, and leverage other available economic development tools to ensure that neighborhood needs are met.

O Facilitate establishment of a City-wide Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA). CONA's purpose is further the interest and needs of neighborhoods, build common bonds between neighbors and create a strong single voice for local concerns. Also, assist neighborhoods to set goals more efficiently and improve neighborhoods through beautification projects, while assisting the City with long-range planning for neighborhood improvement projects.

- Establish NEDI as a City-wide public and private initiative. Appoint a Board of Directors from members of the Economic Development Council (EDC). The Board will have as its first objective to raise $ 3 million to create the Neighborhood Improvement Trust Fund.