SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF
THE NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 10, 1994

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Henry C. Miley
Renora White
Alton Yates

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(for Capt. Bowen)

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only be spent on projects in the Northwest Planning District and for improvements to existing facilities only. He invited input from the Committee regarding the sites and projects proposed in the list. He stated that there were other funds which could be utilized for provision of new parks, e.g; Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, $ 1 million allocation to each council person etc. He said that he will be back to the Committee at a future date to evaluate other park needs.

Mr. Miley expressed concern about the poor condition of facilities at Wigmore Park. Ms. Baker pointed out that the abandoned changing room facility in Mallison Park was a major nuisance. No one was maintaining the structure which was being grossly abused for undesirable activities.

The chairman thanked Mr. Weimer and Ms. Fleet for their presentation and asked the members to review the lists and make recommendations at the next meeting. He then introduced Mr. Matt Frankel of the Planning and Development Department to present the City's Five year Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Starting with the definition of a Capital Improvement Project, Mr. Frankel explained the process for the preparation, review and approval of the 5-year CIP, including the assignment of priorities for funding. He stated that the projects which are assigned priority one by the City Council are funded for implementation in the first year of the program and are included in the City's budget for the year. He distributed copies of the 1993-1998 and 1994-99 CIPs for the Northwest Planning District pointing out priority one projects. Mr. Frankel outlined the schedule for the review and approval of the 1994-99 CIP and invited input from the Committee regarding the proposed projects and priorities for funding. He said that anyone needing additional information on a project in the CIP should contact him at 630-1904.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Frankel for his presentation and asked the committee members to review the information and make recommendations at the next committee meeting.

Presentation of Five-year Road Program by the FDOT was postponed until a future meeting.

Mr. Mehta distributed copies of the draft By-Laws for the Committee indicating that the Committee needs to adopt the By-Laws, with or without modifications, for the conduct of its business. He announced the appointment of a new member, Mr. Charles Edwards, representing the Northwest Council of PTAs. He added that the Mayor and the Superintendent of Schools would like to meet with and address the Committee at one of its meetings.

Mr Yates mentioned a proposal to organize a City-wide Spring Clean-up Day. He asked anyone having any ideas about the program should contact Mr. Lex Hester at the mayor's Office. The chairman expressed that the committee members should tour the area and get a feel of various neighborhoods and business areas in the district. It was agreed that the staff will organize a bus tour for the committee members from 1.0 P.M. to 5.0 P.M. on April 8th, 1994. The route should include schools, parks, public housing projects, condemned properties and other salient features.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

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Lou Myers, Chairman