CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NORTHWEST PLANNING DISTRICT
Ms. Elaine Burnett, Chairman District 5 *Barney Roberts, Vice-chairman*

SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 14, 1996

Committee Members Present

Elaine Burnett, Chairman
Christina Campbell
Thomas May
Brad Straley
Louis Dinah
Charlie McClendon
Lou Myers
Ida Denson
Rosa Walker
Renora White

City Staff/public/media

The Honorable Jim Overton
City Council District 14
Dan Haskell, Director of
Regulatory/Environmental
Helen Ridley, Staff
Ken Avery, Staff
Floretta Green, Staff
Donny Rees, Code Enforcement
Leo Dennis, Community Services

Speakers/Others

John Curtin, Chief Code Enforcement
Laura D. Alisera, Greenscape
Bill Newell , Community Development
Frank Barker, Director of Habijax
Faye Barham
Betty Griner
Candace M. Lewis
Robert Statom Jr.
Richard Barham
Donald Small
Mark Chapman

AGENDA ITEM I - Call to order

Ms. Elaine Burnett, the Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 2 - Verification of Quorum

The Chairman stated that we do have a quorum.

AGENDA ITEM 3 - Presentation by Mr. Burnett

Ms. Burnett then introduced Mr. John Curtin, Chief of the Property Safety Division, of the Department of Regulatory and Environmental Services.

AGENDA ITEM 4 - New Business

Mr. Curtin discussed the Mayor's intensive care neighborhood programs as they relate to property safety. He stated that the boundaries for CPAC-5 includes two of the Mayor's intensive care neighborhoods, Royal Terrace and College Garden/ New Town. Mr. Curtin stated that we have demolished over 200 condemned homes in these neighborhoods and have received from 3000 to 5000 calls per month from citizens to help clean-up their Neighborhoods. Our efforts for the demolition of homes have been concentrated in the communities surrounding the schools. Mr. Curtin also stated that there is a large backlog of mowing jobs to be done and asked patience from the public until the backlog can be caught up.

Mr. Curtin explained why he pushed the Ordinance to set up the 6 individual code enforcement boards. He felt that the community members from the surrounding communities would be the best individuals to serve on the board. He wants to have the boards in place by the first of the year and asked for volunteers to serve on the boards, and each CPAC would have their own code enforcement officer and supervisor. Mr. Curtin also stated that there is a large backlog of mowing jobs to be completed, and asked patience from the public until the backlog can be caught up.

Mr. Curtin answered several questions.

Ms. Burnett thanked Mr. Curtin for his presentation.

Ms. Burnett introduced Ms. Laura D' Alisera of Greenscape. Ms. D'Alisera stated that Greenscape is currently working on community projects of planting trees in neighborhoods throughout the city. She stated that she would like for CPAC-5 to come up with potential projects for their neighborhoods. The organization plants trees through donations from different corporations and membership drives in the city. During the past 20 years, your support has enabled Greenscape to plant over 1,400 trees at the south approach to the Acosta Bridge, 7,500 trees at the Gator Bowl, 4,500 trees at Heckscher Drive and I-95, 1,500 trees at Prime Osborn Convention Center, Myrtle Avenue with "Paint the Town" and Habijax Homes.

Ms. D' Alisera answered several questions.

Ms. Burnett thanked Ms. D' Alisera for her presentation.

Ms. Burnett introduced Mr. Bill Newell of the Community Development Division on Home Ownership/Auction Program. Mr. Newell stated that their office has special programs targeted to low and moderate income residents. Their office has received over 900 inquiries on the home auction program. The homes that are auctioned off to the public are brought up to building code standards. Many of the homes that are auctioned off are located in the Mayor's intensive care neighborhood. Prospective property owners who qualify for these homes must make a down payment of $7,500 and go through a training program.

Mr. Newell answered several questions.

Ms. Burnett thanked Mr. Newell for his presentation.

AGENDA ITEM 5 - Old Business

Ms. Burnett had each CPAC member introduce themselves to the audience and explain what they are doing in the community.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - Announcements and Correspondence

Mr. Louis Dinah, stated to the CPAC that the slate of Officers for 1997 will be presented at the December CPAC meeting.

Ms. Burnett, stated that she would like to have the following subcommittees reestablished, the Land Use and Zoning, Home Ownership, Education and Beautification. Ms. Burnett also stated that she would like to establish a new committee to publish a CPAC-5 newsletter.

AGENDA ITEM 7 - Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.