CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 1996 CPAC MEETING

Committee Member Present

Elanie Burrnett
L. Campbell
Ida Denson
Lewis Dinah
Adam Dubois
Edith Green
Mary L . Jones
Lois Meyers
Gloriden J. Norris
Barney Roberts
Brad Straley
Renora White

City Staff Officials Present.

Ken Avery
Leo Dennis
Sgt. Green
Sgt. S.C. McLeod
Gerlene Oliver
Donny Rees

Other presents

J.J. Anderson
Rose Bright
Jimmy Duggan
Nancy Duggan
John R. Durrance
Frank Harper
Clearance Hayes
Margie Jenkins
Betty Mathis
George Mathis
Thomas May
Donald E. Merritt
Earl E. Pickett
Lula Ray
Ora Lee Rhodes
Rosa Stephens
Jeff Thompson
Johnnie Thompson
Carrie R. Washington
H. R. Wright

Speakers

Sissy Crabtree (Girls Incorporated)
Roger Sharp (Jacksonville Transportation Authority)

The Chairman Elaine Burnett called the meting to order at 600 P.M. Each member introduced themselves and the company they represented. Joe Anderson lead the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. The Chairman introduced the first speaker, Roger Sharp.

Presentation of Roger Sharp (The Expansion of Soutel Drive)

Mr. Roger Sharp of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA), made a presentation on the proposed expansion of Soutel Drive. The proposed new expansion would be from the conner of Old Kings Road and Soutel Drive going out west to interstate (I-295). The expansion is going to be a four lane road on Soutel Drive. The expansion of Soutel Drive into Riverview neighborhood was also mentioned in this proposal but was rejected by the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, due to the neighborhood opposition.

Mr. Sharp also implied that resurfacing roads in the Lem Turner area was needed for a traffic light which was noted by members in the community. He was asked to do a traffic study on the expansion from US1 to Lem Turner, for more red lights.

Mr. Adam Dubois asked Mr. Sharp about having a red light at the corner of Soutel Drive and Ribault Avenue. There is only a stop sign there which cannot be seen due to a dip in the road and as a result, a fatal accident has occurred. Mr. Sharp replied that he would do some research on the area to see if it warrants a traffic light.

Mr. Calvin Burney, Chief of the Transportation Planning Division, asked about a turning signal on the traffic light at the corner of Norfolk Road and Soutel Drive. Mr. Sharp responded that he would check to see if a turning signal at this location is needed.

Presentation by Sissy Crabtree (Girls Incorporated of Jacksonville)

Ms. Sissy Crabtree of the Girls Incorporate of Jacksonville, gave an overview of the Girls Organization, which was incorporate in 1970. This club was affiliated in 1971 with the Girls Club of America, and the name of the club was changed to Girls Incorporated on national and local levels in September 1990. The goal of the organization is to provide a foundation for Jacksonville girls to help them become more self-independent, responsible, dedicated members of creative programs and services for boys, girls and their families in the community.

The Girls Incorporated Programs includes a career development program S.M.A.R.T. which provides a strong emphasis in the Science and Math fields. Some of the other programs offered: Choices is a program that helps girls in decision making situations and self-awareness skills; Preventing Adolescent Pregnancy is a program that helps prevent teenage pregnancy; Steeping Stones interacts with helping motor skills; Health Power is a nutrition, Physical Fitness and Substance Abuse Program. They also provide adult supervision child care for school aged children, ages 5-18. In addition to this they provide a summer camp. The lecture ended with several questions from the audience, including, sources of funding interaction with public and private sector and suggestions for use of property on Edgewood Avenue.

A brief presentation was made by Jim Pugh regarding the formation of District Code Enforcement Boards and the need for volunteers. They need people who are interested and concerned about their neighborhoods. The Chairman asked Donnie Reese of the Code Enforcement if the slates sheets will be ready by the October meeting.

Officer Green is assigned to the Northwest area and will cooperate fully with the CPAC. He made a announcement that a meeting will be scheduled on September 24, at 7:00 P.M. at Woodlawn Presbyterian Church. The Chairman reported that a meeting was held with the Mayor on September 12, 1996 concerning the Growth Management Task Force.

A nominating committee was appointed, the member are: Mary Jones, Louis Dinah and Romora White. The result will be presented to the CPAC at the October meeting and voting will take place in November, the officers will resume their positions in January.

Ava Parker, an attorney, volunteered her services to the CPAC. She is EWC's attorney. Mr. Dinah asked for a copy of the by laws, which should be forward to the nominating committee. Mr. Avery will handle the request , the CPAC voted to send a contribution to Habijax in memory of Patricia Austin, donations are being sent to Ken Avery for processing. Members were asked to send their donation by he end of September .

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.