CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NORTHWEST PLANNING DISTRICT
Ms. Elaine Burnett, Chairman District 5

Barney Roberts, Vice-chairman

SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 1996 NORTHWEST CPAC MEETING

Committee Members Present
Northwest

Elaine Burnett, Chairman
Edith Green
Louis Dinah
Mary L. Jones
Adam DuBois
Renora White
Mary Jones
Christina L. Campbell
Eugene Mobley
Ida J. Denson
Lou Myers
Juanita Baker
John McPherson

OTHERS PRESENT

Norman O. Francis
Clarence & Mayr A. Simon
Charles Johnson
Mary L. McKinney
Jerome McKinney
Sheradine Williams
Edith Thomas
Margie Jackson
Dorothy Sanders
Alford R. Monroe, Sr.
Rosa L. Carter
Ray Boyton
Jeanette C. Hall
Paul J. Jenkins
Meco & Denise Favors
Hastings Williams, Jr.
Dorothy Kinard
George Kinard
Carrie Washington
Patrick & Debra Miller
Pauline Harris
Flo Johnson
Irvin B. Richardson

City Staff/Officials Present

Dan Haskell
Regulatory & Environmental Services

Gerlieve Oliver
Duval County School Board

Ken Avery
Sr. Planner, Planning & Development

Floretta Green
Planner, Community Development Division

Mark E. Bowen
Sheriff's Office

Dan Weimer
Parks and Recreation

Mark Manwell
Traffic Engineer

David M. Schneider
Roadway & Pavement Design

Dolores Sapp
Real Estate Division

Norm Francis
Public Utilities

Presentors:

Ronald J. Lowe, P.E.
Morales & Shumer Engineers, Inc.

David Gile
Morales & Shumer Engineers, Inc.

Reverend Joseph Carswell
African-American Chamber of Commerce

Media Present:

Orlando DeBruce
Florida Times-Union

The Chairman, Elaine Burnett called the meeting to order at 6:13 P.M., introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the meeting, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Presentation by Morales and Shumer Engineers, Inc.
on Proposed Improvements for 13th Street from Division to Myrtle Avenue

The Chairman stated the Engineers will give an overview of the drainage improvement plans for 13th Street.

Mr. Dave Schneider stated he's a professional engineer with the City of Jacksonville in the Public Works Department and Manager of Road Design Programs. The consulting engineers are present who are responsible for the maps and the handouts. Also in attendance is Dolores Sapp with the City's Real Estate Division and she has been active in the Royal Terrace area and will answer any type of right-of-way or easement questions. Mr. Norm Francis is also present who is with the Utilities Department and he can address water and sewer type questions. This is the first time they've done a presentation before the Northwest CPAC and they appreciate it. He will give a quick overview as to how they approach a roadway design job. Nothing is going to happen tomorrow, next month or even a year from now; we're talking two years down the road minimum before you'll see anything happen as far as construction. They do the jobs in three phases: the study phase, final engineering phase and then construction. Right now they're in phase one. During this phase some of the things they study are: existing traffic counts, traffic projections over a 20 year period, the accident history and from that data they determine how wide the road would have to be to accommodate this future traffic demand, taking into account intersections, side streets, parks, etc. They also look at the existing right-of-way (strip the City already owns) and they try to keep the construction confined to that. If they have to expand and move beyond the right-of-way lines, they would have to purchase right-of-way easements from individual landowners at a cost to the City and that is figured into the equasion of how wide to make the road. On 13th Street a lot of houses sit close to the road and that becomes factor. They avoid buildings as much as they can; they don't want to buy any buildings or make anybody have to move because of the project. They're trying to make life better so they want the residents feedback.

CPAC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PAPER

The goal of this paper is to collect useful information that is practical and proven to get results. This is not meant to suggest that only these ideas will work, but rather to help people begin the process of helping themselves. More and more it becomes clear that change must happen not only at the governmental level, but also in each neighborhood - block by block and family by family. When each person begins to make an improvement and then links the effort to another person - the community starts to come alive.

This CPAC #5 has agreed to look at six areas that could provide the foundation for community change. We have decided into six committees. Each committee will put together various ideas and processes that are effective. The committee will draw on the experience of every CPAC member, and can also contact resources in the community - whether that resource is a knowledgeable person, a community group, or a city agency.

The final product should be easy to read, short in length, easy to do with either very little money, or no money. Most importantly, we encourage community efforts to find ways to work with other groups, and bring into play as many interested city wide organizations as may be helpful.

Finally, we want this paper to serve as a beginning resource, we will list all our own CPAC members and their areas and phone numbers. We will list city agencies that have been helpful. We do so hoping that if this paper helps, then future CPAC's will want to revise and add to it and make this a working road map for helping people help themselves.

PROCESS

1. Collect information from brochures, neighborhood groups, and city wide organizations.

2. List Projects, such as Community Patrol, Neighborhood Clean Ups, Beautification, Removing Code Violations, Improved street and pedestrian lighting, Upgrade Drainage, Tree Planting, Learn to Read. Then give details on how to do that particular project, or which agency handles such work and how to contact and work with that agency to resolve problems.

3. Get in writing a few statements from selected community people whether well known or not, about what they think is important to turning a neighborhood into a community.

4. Provide a list of city agencies, council people, community groups, and regional state agencies that can work as a resource for change.

5. End of each year: hold a Saturday or Sunday workshop to bring together citizens, community groups and city agencies to discuss what worked, and what still needs to happen.

BASIC SIX AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT

EDUCATION

Edith Green & Mary Jones & Gerlieve Oliver

- Home
- Businesses: help schools get computers
- School: invite parents in anytime
- Churches and Synagogues
- Museums, Nature Groups
- Programs to upgrade working skills
- Home Ownership Information

HEALTH

Reverend Mobley, Chris Campbell & John McPearson

- Aid prevention
- Patenting Skills
- Prenatal Care
- Teen Pregnancy
- Motherhood & Fatherhood
- Home Security: Fire prevention, Insulation techniques
- Neighborhood Safety: Community Patrols
- Foster Grandparents
- Recreational facilities for Teens and young adults.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BEAUTIFICATION

Lou Myers & Silas Jones & Dan Haskell

- Improved Street Drainage
- River and Creek Clean Ups
- Prevention of illegal hazardous waste dumping
- Flood Control and flooding prevention
- Tree Planting and Landscaping for the home, apartment or business (CEPTED approach).

TRANSPORTATION

Charles Edwards & Barney Roberts

- Bus service: need for 24 hours service throughout county and to tie in with surrounding counties.
- car pool service for low employment areas
- bicycling: free bike usages within a community area
- walking paths, and upgrades sidewalks
- trails for horses and recreation
- Shuttle service with a area to connect various neighborhoods

RECREATION

Louis Dinah & Renora White

- Park facilities for all ages, infants, children, teens, seniors and family.
- Improved lighting for evening walking, attending school programs and shopping activities.
- Neighborhood concerts and fairs
- Sporting Events
- Community Picnics
- Tourism: Historic Tours, Cultural Tours
- Teen Clubs: with videos, computers, dance areas, arts studio, etc.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Ida Denson & Juanita Baker

- Improve Community communication using the Library as resource for Planning and Economic Development materials centers and videos.
- Community Computer to connect citizens with zoning and other area of concern without having to travel downtown.
- City assisted seminars on neighborhood vision planning.
- School supported civic "school credits" to encourage children and parents to be more active in their community.
- Annual neighborhood beautification project, clean up or a tree planting or both.
- Neighborhood lights on! An ongoing project to get home owners and apartment dwellers to leave a light on in the evening for at least four hours a night to reduce crime.
- Code Violations Removal and Zoning Applications Monitoring.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Adam Dubose & Lou Myers, Pat Council

- Site Selection
- Job Training and Job Internships
- Credit Counseling
- Home Ownership Opportunities & Programs
- Community Development Corporation Information
- Small Business Development