SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 1998

Committee Members Present

Brad Straley, Chairman
Elaine Burnett
Carrie Washington
Thomas May
Norm Study
Larry Solomon
Rosa Stephens
Jocelyn Turner
Erma Cole
Mary McDowell
Mary Jones
Barney Roberts

City Staff/public/media

Noah Henderson
Mike Goldman
Lorrie DeFrank
John Mc Pherson
Ron Grimes
Stg. S.C. McLeod
Judith Truett
Chris Francis
Laura Lee

Mr. Brad Straley called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. Mr. Norm Study gave the invocation.

Staff Comments:

Lorrie DeFrank, Outreach Manager-Neighborhood Services Division, made the following announcements. JEA was distributing grant applications for proposals , which will be evaluated to give-a way trees. Each CPAC is being asked to submit proposals. A maximum of ten proposals per CPAC can be submitted. JCCI will present **Ethical Apathy: Do We Get What We Deserve?** at its Five O'Clock Forum on Monday, October 26, 1998. JCCI 's 1998-99 studies are (1)**Adult Illiteracy and (**2) **Recreation, Culture, and the Arts** , which she distributed sign-up forms for those who were interested in serving on one or both of these studies. The new directory of Neighborhoods guide has been completed and copies are being mailed to each neighborhood organization. Copies of the information (Recent and Pending Land Use and Zoning Legislation) that was not available at the Neighborhood Summit LUZ workshop was available at this meeting. The Neighborhood Summit went very well . In response to Committee member Burnett question "Will there be a summary of the summit?, Lorrie DeFrank stated that a summary will be in the next neighborhoods magazine.

Officer McCloud reported the following information. The crime in Zone 5 was down 8% overall as compared to being down 4.1.% overall Citywide. He stated that his reduction in crime was due to the hard work of the officers.

Ron Grimes of the city's Code Enforcement Office reported that emphasis was being placed on removing junk vehicles, which now can better be enforced because of the new ordinance to deal with this problem. He also stated that Code Enforcement continues to inspect for Code violations and a

small sweep in the Biltmore area is being carried out.

Judy Truett, Director of the city's Community Services Department , reported on the following information. The Community Services Department brochure (list of all the Community Services Programs) has finally been completed and was available to those who were interested. The Senior Games(organized activities for seniors to compete) were currently in progress. The City of Jacksonville (lead agency/applicant) in partnership with several other agencies received a grant award in the amount of $3,000,000 from the Dept. of Justice, Office of Justices Programs, National Institute of Justice to implement the Breaking the Cycle(BTC) Research Demonstration Project. The City of Jacksonville was one of two communities in the country (Tacoma, WA the other) to receive this grant, which is to enhance the public safety of the community by developing a coordinated community-wide effort to reduce recidivism among drug using criminal defendants.

Mike Goldman , the Public Information manager for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) reported on the following pertinent FDOT projects. The Fuller Warren Bridge is about 50% completed and should be finished in 2002. The projects in the five year work program include Cassat Avenue Resurfacing, which work should start in January or February, the I-95/Myrtle Avenue Bridge, which bids will be received in January to repaint the bridge, and Beaver Street and Jones Road, which work on intersection improvements and signals should start in November. Other projects in the five year work program include Beaver Street Bridge Replacement over the SCL Railroad Crossing, Resurfacing of Lane Avenue from Lucente to North of the I-10 Interchange, Additional skid protection to the roadway and sidewalks on Normandy Blvd. from Lane Ave to Cassat, Widening of Riverside Ave. from Forest Street to the Acosta Bridge, Resurfacing of Golfair Blvd. to I-95 and Installing a new section of roadway stretching from Blanding Blvd. in Clay County to 103rd Street(Brannonfield/ Chaffee Road). Upcoming projects not yet in the five year work plan include the New Interchange at I-95 and Forest Street, which plans are expected to be completed by November 1998 and the I-95 Widening and Improvements between Myrtle and Eight Street, which plans are expected to be completed in December 1998. The FDOT has completed a new training facility which you are invited to have a CPAC meeting.

Subcommittee Reports:

Carrie Washington, Chair of the Northwest CPAC Children's Commission , reported the following information. The Jacksonville Children's Commission (JCC) is in the process of beginning its New Ways Initiative Grant Program. She stated that Mr. Matt Thompson of JCC commended this committee's efforts on their work in awarding grants previously. She also stated that he recommended that we gear up for the upcoming grant award process and have a balance of previous committee members as well as newcomers. She requested that new CPAC committee members volunteer or be appointed if there are no volunteers. Rosa Stephens and Mary McDowell volunteered to serve on this committee.

Announcements

Chairman Straley announced the Northwest CPAC was very successful in receiving many of the

Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grants, which were awarded at the Neighborhoods Summit Luncheon on Thursday , September 24th.

Committee member Erma Cole stated that seven homes of the elderly had been painted with their Building Neighborhoods Initiative Grant and three more homes are scheduled to be painted with the remaining paint on Saturday, October 17. She invited everyone to attend their Come Together Day on Saturday, October 17 at 1061 Line Street.

Vice Chair Burnett asked for the CPAC support and attendance of a free Home Buyer's Seminar that she and Committee member Chris Campbell would be conducting on Saturday, October 17, 1998 in the Community Room of the Bradham-Brooks Library located at 1755 Edgewood Avenue from 1-3 PM.

Other Business

A nominating committee was established with the following members. Larry Solomon, Barney Roberts, Rosa Walker, Erma Cole and Thomas May. This committee agreed to meet within the next ten days and come up with a slate of officers to be presented at the November meeting for election.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Announcements:

Chairman Straley stated that a nominating committee will be established next month, election of officers will be held in November, and the new slate of officers will take over in December.

Committee Member Carrie Washington of the Lake Park area mentioned that several face lifts on homes in the area had taken place and the Shell Station at the corner of Lem Turner & Edgewood Ave. had undergone a face lift. Also a new business-Auto Zone- had built in the area, which is across the street from the Bradham Brooks Library. The Friends of the Library group had its annual book sale (October 20-24) and because this sale went over so well they are thinking about having quarterly book sale and establishing a permanent place in the Library to sell books. To increase the circulation of materials at the library, the Friends of the Library group is initiating a new Program- Reader of the Month- which gifts will be awarded. Any valid library cardholder can participate. Beginning October 5th an every Monday, the library will show the African American Film Festival. There will be two showings- one at 11 am to accommodate the senior citizens and one at 6:00 PM. They have the movies to show up until 1999 and she encourage everyone to pass the word along.

Committee member Linda Moore of the North Riverside area reported the following. They are in the process of identifying historical buildings in thir area in hopes of recycling them for use as small businesses, community center places, etc. They are also in the process of establishing a newsletter which will be published quarterly, which the target date for the first issue is December 1st. The Kimmins rezoning application will be coming up on October 6th. They have sidewalks in the area which were the result of the children needing them to walk to school. Their organization is sending out two letters- one to a business on Stockton and Edison Ave and one to a church- regarding their concerns of these establishments negative effects on the community.

Chairman Straley announced that the next meeting would be held on Thursday October 8th at 6 PM at Robert E. Lee High School located at 1200 S. McDuff Ave.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.