SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 1998

Committee Members Present	**City Staff/public/media**
Brad Straley, Chairman	Noah Henderson
Linda Moore	Gregory D. King
Carrie Washington	Lorrie DeFrank
Gina Mayhew	Pamela Lockwood
Norman Study	Chester Smith
Albert Wilcox	Ken Avery
Gloriden Norris	Glen W. Mills
	Alliniece Taylor
	Laura Lee
	Carol Gamble

Mr. Brad Straley, the Chairman**,** called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M. Mrs. Carrie Washington gave the invocation.

Staff Comments:

Lorrie DeFrank, Outreach Manager-Neighborhood Services Division, reminded everyone that is was not to late to register for the Jacksonville Neighborhood summit and the Florida Neighborhood conference which would be held in two weeks.

Officer R. Carl Tharwart reported the following information. They were enforcing zero tolerance in the Durkeeville area. The Durkeeville Housing project had been demolished and the area is to be revitalized in the next four years. In an effort to fight crime in this area new crime fighting ideas will be implemented. Zero tolerance is also being carried out in the 21st Street to 33rd Street- Golfair Blvd. to Stuart Street area. This zero tolerance means that there is a stand taken to enforce all the laws and to get rid of those who should not be in the area. The crime in zone 5 was down 8% overall. The areas where there continues to be an increase were Business burglary and auto theft. He announced that he was leaving information on the upcoming Citizens Academy and a schedule for the SHADCO meetings

Committee member Gloriden Norris (Principal of Saint Clair Evans Academy) welcomed everyone to her school. She provided the following information. The school is in the final stage of undergoing renovation, which is to be completed by October. The changing of the school's name from Moncrief Elementary to Saint Clair Evans Academy occurred in May, 1998, which she thanked the Northwest CPAC for their support by forwarding a resolution. The school is a Can Do School, which allows it to receive additional resources to enhance the learning process. The school has been removed off the troubled list and the students are performing much better. On October 10th there will be a CAN DO celebration.

Chester Smith, Division Chief of Veteran Services, stated that he was representing Juidth A. Truett, Director of the city's Community Services Department. He provided the following information. On July 18th the first Homeless Veterans Stand Down in our city took place which 150 volunteers participated in to emphasize the importance of homeless veterans. There are approximately 3,018 homeless in Jacksonville of which about 26% are veterans. He encourage involvement for those who were interested to participate in next year's Veterans Stand Down. On September 18th there will be a POW-MIA ceremony at the Veterans Memorial wall and on November 11th the annul Veterans Day parade will be held.

Business:

Chip Patterson, Division Chief –Emergency Preparedness Division, made a presentation on emergency management. He stated that emergency management is having a plan in place for a disaster and not waiting for a disaster to happen. Those phases of emergency management that he mentioned are preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. He pointed out that the city does not have a specific plan such as a hurricane plan or a tornado plan or a flood plan but the city has a comprehensive plan to deal with the effects of a disaster. He stated that disaster research has shown that effects of disasters in a community are essentially the same regardless of the causes . He further stated that it does not matter that there is no electricity because water flooded a substation or the wind blew down a distribution line, which are the causes, but, it does matter that there is no electricity or there is no water, which are the effects. He concluded by emphasizing the importance of having a family disaster plan in the event of a disaster.

Gregory D. King, Senior Health Educator-Duval County Health Department made a presentation on the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. He stated that the Health Department had received a grant from the CDC in Atlanta, Ga. to carry out a childhood lead base poisoning program in the area. He further stated that he had been contacting schools, churches and other groups to get the word out about this program. He mentioned that they offer screening for children 0-6, which is the major age range that children get lead base poisoning. He also mentioned that they were targeting zip codes 32202-32212 because of these area high risk of having children getting or having lead poisoning. Additionally, he stated that some of the effects children get from this disease are anemia, learning disabilities and low IQ's. He concluded by mentioning their educational program and community awareness program and encourage everyone let people know about their services.

Subcommittee Reports:

Committee Member Gina C. Mayhew reported on four applications for zoning exceptions and variances. In response to Chairman Straley's question as to weather or not any neighborhood groups had contacted her requesting that any of these zoning matters be brought before the CPAC, Mrs. Mayhew responded no.

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.