SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 9, 1998

Committee Members Present

Brad Straley, Chairman
Elaine Burnett, Vice-Chair
Thomas May
Juanita Baker
Mary McDowell
Wanda Davis
Jocelyn Turner
Barney Roberts
Carrie Washington

City Staff/public/media

Jim Fuller
Noah Henderson
Lorrie DeFrank
Judith Truett
Bea Dill
Faye Barham
Rea-Silvia Costin
Dale Smith
Jim Robinson
Ed Preston
Reese Stewart
Curtis Hart
Sarah Hammond
Bernice Griffin
Ollie Smith
D. Yvonne Brown
Diane Kerr
Elizabeth Smart
Ellen Weaver
Ethel J. Wingard
Annie Henderson
John MePherson
Florestine Meeks
Maefield Bailey
Sandra Orange
Rev. Dr. Edward Fields
Genetta L. Harris
Mildred Wheeler
Lillie Ware
Genetta Harris
Marc Charisse

Mr. Brad Straley, the Chairman**,** called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. Mr. Barney Roberts gave the invocation.

Staff Comments:

Lorrie DeFrank, Outreach Manager-Neighborhood Services Division, provided information on the second Neighborhood Leadership Summer Training Institute. She also provided information about the 1998 Jacksonville Senior Games " Encouraging and Celebrating Fitness after Fifty", which will be held October 7-11, 1998.

Lt. Fuller gave a COMPSTAT offense summary report. He stated that the period of comparison was January-June of 1997 to January-June 1998. He mentioned that crime was down 5.12% citywide and down 6.38% in zone 5, which is primary the area of the Northwest CPAC district. Those crime areas in zone 5 that were up included Sexual Battery (+34.43), Robbery Carjacking (+10.53), Roberry Home Invasion (+18.75) and Theft Conveyance (+17.28). He also mentioned various sectors that had a decrease in crime, which he stressed citizens involvement in assisting the police officers played a major role.

Business:

Councilwoman E. Denise Lee made a presentation on Land Use and Zoning. She explain the procedures involved in zoning. She also emphasized the importance of going through the process. She mentioned that one should find out what the zoning is, that is what is allowed.

Lt. Jim Fuller of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office reported on the status of actions taken on crime activities in the Northwest area. He stated that in the 7900 block of Nevada Street there was a cleanup and a lot was cleaned at 2210 Orchard Street. Also, there was an eviction of a drug dealer made at 1499 W. 15th Street and they were working on a drug problem in the 2200 block of West 1st Street.

Lorrie DeFrank, Outreach Manager -City of Jacksonville's Neighborhood Services Division – Neighborhoods Department, explained the transition of the city's staff assistance of the CPACs being transferred from the Planning and Development Department to the Neighborhoods Departments. She also announced the upcoming World of Nation's event and encouraged participation of the Northwest CPAC at this event.

Judy Truett, Director of Community Services, reported on the opening of the Truancy Center, which would be located at the Southside Skills Center. She explained the purpose of the center and she mentioned that this collaborative effort involved the Mayor's Office, the Sheriff's Office and the School Board. She also mentioned that the Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Strategy report had been completed after working on it for two years and it would be released at a

luncheon on May 7, 1998

Business:

A presentation was made by Jeff Sheffield for Calvin Burney (Chief of the City ‘s Transportation Division-Planning and Development) on the drafted report, which he distributed, of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal years 1998/1999 through 2002/2003.

A presentation was made by Helena Atalla-Capital Improvement Plan Coordinator, on the City of Jacksonville’s proposed 1998-2003 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which was distributed. She stated that she could be at contacted at 128 E. Forsythe Street- Florida Threatre Building, 7th floor-630-1904 and how to forward any concerns regarding the plan. She also mentioned that a public hearing on the CIP plan would be held on Tuesday, April 28, 1998 at 1:00 PM at the Florida Theatre Building.

Announcements:

Ken Avery, Senior Planner of the Planning and Development Dept., introduced a new Northwest CPAC member, Gina Bentley of Eartha White Health Care.

Committee member Thomas May distributed a flyer announcing a meeting to start a crime watch group for his area.

Chairman Brad Straley distributed a list of the subcommittee assignments of the Northwest CPAC members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.