SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 14, 1998

Committee Members Present

Elaine Burentt, Vice-Chairman
Linda Moore
Willie Hickson
Thomas May
Gina Bentley
Jocelyn Turner
Rosa Walker
Mary Jones
Christina L. Campbell
Barney R. Roberts

City Staff/public/media

Lorrie DeFrank
Jim Fuller
Noah Henderson
Ken Avery
Ken Grady
Robert Releford
Doyle Carter
Ken Durkee

Ms. Elaine Burnett , Vice-Chairman ,called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.
A quorum was not present

Staff comments:

Lt. Jim Fuller of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office distributed information on Prom night safety tips and a list of the neighborhood watch groups for the northwest area. He reported that although crime was up overall in the city, it was down 9.34 % in the northwest area. He also stated that the northwest area had the fastest response time.

Lorrie DeFrank, Outreach Manager -City of Jacksonville's Neighborhood Services Division – Neighborhoods Department, made a presentation on the Mayor's neighborhood matching grants. She stated that the total amount of this year's Mayor's Neighborhood Matching grant is $200,000.00 and a minimum of 40 grants would be awarded. She also stated the the maximum amount that an applicant would be awarded is $5,000.00. She explained the 25% matching requirement and emphasized the June 30, 1998 application deadline. Additionally, she announced that Mayor John Delaney and the City of Jacksonville Neighborhoods Department will host the Jacksonville Neighborhood Summit on Thursday, September 24, 1998 and the second annual Florida Neighborhoods Conference on Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26, 1998 at the Prime F. Osborn Convention Center. Another announcements she made were the Senior Living Showcase event and the 1998 Economis Summit. In conclusion, she mentioned that each CPAC was asked to select a sight for the Cultural Council summer arts project and it

would be appreciated if the selection could be given to us as soon as possible.

Ken Durkee, Citizens for Amphitheater Awareness, made a presentation on amphitheatres and distributed a noise study chart for the proposed Jacksonville Amphitheater. Vice-chairman stated that the Northwest CPAC committee would not support or oppose the proposed amphitheater. She encouraged each member to look at both sides of this issue and to contact the appropriate individuals such as the Mayor, City Council Members, etc. and let them know your position on this issue.

Thomas May discussed a concern about tax sale advertisement. He stated that persons have lost their property, which he believed were the result of the tax sale advertisement not being placed in a widely circulated paper. He stated that although the tax sales advertisements were placed in the Daily Financial News, it should be required that the tax sale advertisements are placed in a more widely circulated paper such as the Florida Times Union. Mr. May presented a motion to require that tax sale advertisements be placed in the Florida Times Union. The motion was seconded by Rosa Walker. The committee approved this motion. (A quorum was present)

Rosa Walker and Barney Roberts announced the Friday, June 19th Northwest CPAC tour. Ms. Walker read the proposed itinerary and stated that the bus would leave from the Bradham Brooks Northwest Library located at 1755 West Edgewood Avenue at 1 PM and would return by 5 PM. Mr. Roberts explained the working questionnaire that would be distributed at the tour.

Gina Bentley reported on the Friend of a Friend organization. She introduced Officer Releford of Friend of a Friend and the owner of a strip building that was being revitalized on 45th Street. The building, which is scheduled to open in July,1998 would consist of officwe space and a commuity meeting place.

Jocelyn Turner reported on the availability of health services and she distributed brochures that gave information on how to get various health services.

Mary Jones, Chair of the Northwest CPAC Code Enforcement committee, reported that their committee was waiting for the changes of the City's Code Enforcement and they would meet once the changes have been made to discuss their committee's direction and concerns.

Elaine Burnett brought up the issue of disseminating information and suggested that this item be brought up for discussion. She also requested that news item of interest in the Northwest area be clipped out of the newspaper and forwarded to Rosa Walker, who has agreed to be responsible for compiling this information.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

ruett, 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.