SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 13, 1999

Committee Members Present	**City Staff/public/media**
Brad Straley- Chairman	Noah Henderson
Elaine Burnett	John Fleming
Norman Study	Ken Avery
Rosa Stephens	Frances Leverett
Erma Cole	James Fuller
George Leverett	Diane Kerr
Linda Moore	Terri Lindemann
Larry Solomon	V. Lancces

Chairman Straley called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. George Leverrt gave the invocation.

Staff Comments

John Fleming-Division Chief-Neighborhood Services Division, distributed information on the Mayor's Individual and Neighborhood Awards for the Fourth Annual Mayor's Neighborhood Summit. He explained the two different award categories (individual and neighborhood) and emphasized that the Neighborhoods Department is requesting that each CPAC select a winner for the two categories and submit them to the Neighborhoods Services Division at the June CPAC meeting. He mentioned that he had gotten back 17 junk ordinance surveys and he was reviewing this information to get with John Curtin to draft a proposed ordinance, which will be given to the CPAC's for their review and comments. Additionally, he stated that the Durkeeville project had improved that area greatly and he encouraged interested individuals to visit the site to see the improvements. He announced that the upcoming Senior Living Showcase would be held on Thursday , May 20th at the Prime Osbourne Convention Center and that a free concert staring Faith Hill will be held on Saturday, May 22nd at Metropolitan Park as part of the Spring Musical Festival.

Lt. Jim Fuller, JSO, reported from the Monthly Crime Unit Analysis Offense Summary Report (the comparison for this report is JAN-MAY 98 to JAN-MAY 99) on information Citywide and on Zone 5. He stated that crime was down citywide about 18% . He also stated that although crime in the areas of Homicide(Unlawful), Lewd/Lascivious Exposure and Robbery Home Invasion continues not to show a decrease in Zone 5, overall crime was down about 28% for Zone 5.

Ken Avery provided information on two applications for zoning exception (# E-99-047, Placement of mobile home at 5780 Castellano) and (#E-99-048 proposed daycare at 6639 Van Gundy). He stated that the zoning application for Harris Mortuary on Edison Avenue had been

deferred by the Planning Commission and is being opposed by WW Gay. He distributed and made comments about the article in the Times Union on the future of the Gateway Shopping Center.

Business:

Glenn Ellison , Executive Director of the Justice Coalition, gave a presentation on the Justice Coalition and Victims Advocate. He stated that their primary goal was to make Jacksonville the safest city in Florida. He also mentioned that awareness was one of the biggest things they do everyday. They have taken 362 criminals off the streets and 101 missing children have been found. Additionally, he mentioned that the Justice Coalition does a Radio show on AM 1300 and their organization will make presentations to neighborhood organizations.

Announcements:

Chairman Straley announced that the City of Jacksonville Special Events Office had invited each CPAC to participate in the 4th of July Parade. He mentioned that although a float would not be feasible, he suggested the possibility of decorating a vehicle to be placed in the parade. He also brought to attention two articles in the April issue of the Neighborhoods magazine. One was the article on Fresh Ministries , which plans to carry out a business asset mapping project in Ms. Erma Cole area-Robinson's Addition . The other article was on the cleanup project that Mary McDowell carried out in her neighborhood-Lackawanna.

Committee member Rosa Stephens , Royal Terrace Improvement Association , mentioned that the Royal Terrace block captains attended the Mayor's Intensive Care Neighborhoods Block Captains Recognition Ceremony on Monday, April 19th at City Hall- St. James Bldg. She also mentioned they attended the Mayor's Intensive Care Neighborhoods 3rd anniversary celebration on April 30th at Durkeeville. She additionally announced that a new council person, Gwen Yates, had been elected to represent District 8, which encompasses her neighborhood.

Diane Kerr, of the North Riverside Community Development Corporation, announced that the Butterfly Garden located at the JUL-Headstart center on Forest Street is continuing to progress and a grant from Greenscape had been awarded for placement of trees in the Butterfly Garden..

Committee member Elaine Burnett mentioned that RADO (Riverside Avondale Development Organization), had closed on the contract for the house that they will be rehabbing.

Committee member Norm Study of Cisco Gardens stated that he felt that the millage rate for his area should be less than what it is and they were receiving poor services, i.e. poor trash pick-up, etc. Chairman Straley recommended that he put his concerns in writing and presented to the CPAC so that it may be voted on by the CPAC and sent to the appropriate agency.

Committee member Erma Cole of Robinson's Additon mentioned that they were trying to get a grant to cleanup their neighborhood and a grant to purchase and install deadbolt locks. She also

mentioned that they began planting 25 trees, which they received through the JEA Commu-Tree grant.

Other Business

Chairman Straley informed everyone of Mr. Dinah's death. He also brought up his concern of getting information out to the members in a timely matter when something of this nature happens. He suggested that several persons from the committee be responsible for one sheet from the membership list and call the others members. The committee agreed with this idea and the following members agreed to assist: Elaine Burnett, Linda Moore, Erma Cole, George Levertt, Larry Solomon and Diane Kerr.

Committee member Elaine Burnett gave an update on Rosa Walker who had been arrested for child abuse. She stated that there were two charges against Mrs. Walker-one was a child abuse charge and the other was a criminal charge. She stated that she had talked with Mrs. Walker and she felt that the process and the system was not being fair to Ms. Walker. She requested that a representative from Children and Families –Child Abuse Investigation come out to the next meeting and explain how the process work when someone is arrested for child abuse. She further mentioned that Mrs. Walker trial would be coming up soon and she requested that each member who knew her to send a character letter to Judge Tygart for the child abuse case and to Judge Lance Day for the criminal case.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.