SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 11, 1999

Committee Members Present	**City Staff/public/media**
Brad Straley, Chairman	Lorrie DeFrank
Elaine Burnett	Helena Atalla
Norman Study	Sgt. John Schnippert
Rosa Stephens	Frances Leverett
Erma Cole	Mary A. Study
George Leverett	Terri Lindermann
Mary Jones	Melissa McLean
Linda Moore	Chic Holliday
Mary McDowell	Terry Holliday
Barney Roberts	Ken Avery
Thomas May	Diane Kerr
	Faye Richardson
	Laura M. Lee
	Rita Nesbit
	Kenneth Manuel
	Donna Kellam Hulsey
	Noah Henderson
	Ida Mae Green

Chairman Straley called the meeting to order at 6:12 P.M. Ms. Linda Moore gave the invocation.

Staff Comments

Lorrie DeFrank, Outreach Manager-Neighborhood Services Division, made the following announcements. She encouraged members to complete the CPAC survey, the JUNK survey, and the Neighborhoods Magazine Response Card in the February '99 Neighborhoods Magazine. The Municipal Code Board needs two alternate members from the Northwest. The Urban Core Mayor's Town Hall meeting will be held on Monday, March 22, 1999 at 6:00 PM at City Hall at St. James in the Renaissance room. Free parking is available in the First Baptist church pre-school garage off Laura Street. The grand opening of the A Philip Randolph Park at the corner of 1st and A Philip Randolph street will be held on Friday March 12th at 12 noon. This event is sponsored by Councilman Terry Fields. This event will culminate that evening with a free concencert in the park starring Percy Sledge. The Jacksonville Neighborhood Summit will be held on Friday, July 30th and Saturday, July 31st. The dates of this year's summit included a Saturday to allow those who work during the week an opportunity to attend. The Third Annual Florida Neighborhood conference will be held at the University of South Florida, St. Peterburg Campus in St. Petersburg , Florida on October 1-2, 1999.
The TREE-MENDOUS 1999 Event carried out by Clean-it-Up Green-it-Up , in partnership with JEA, will give away free Crape Myrtles this spring and summer in six different locations in the city. There will be a give away in each CPAC (a flyer with the locations and times were

available at the meeting). The Human Services Council, in cooperation with the Jacksonville Community Foundation, published a document to highlight the wide range of Neighborhood Based Grant Initiatives that are currently available to neighborhood organizations and this document could be used as a resource for neighborhood organizations to apply for grants (this document was distributed). The Jacksonville Community Council, Inc. will conduct a Conflict Resolution workshop on April 23&24 and those interested should call 396-3052 for more information.

Stg. John Snipert of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office reported the following information for Zone 5. There has been a concentration on auto theft. Sixty-five moving violations for this reporting period have been made and the majority of the violations involved vehicles not properly tagged. Twenty four auto thefts were reported and eleven felony incidents occurred. There has been a noticeably large problem with prostitution at Commonwealth and Melson streets.

Ken Manuel, regional 2 superintendent, introduced Donna Kellam Hulsey, the regional 2 director. He announced that the Florida legislature was now in session and he asked that individuals call the legislators and request that they support public education. He also stated that for the upcoming school year, school will began early to give students additional instructional time. He emphasized the importance of parents and guardians making sure that students start to school on time. He further stated that there is a seven day count, which adjustments are made to place staff in other locations. He went on to mention that if there is not a true count until after Labor day, which is when a lot of people think school starts, and adjustments have already been made, then they must go back and make readjustments which could have possibly been avoided if students start on time . The Superintendent is continuing his efforts to focus on improving reading skills for students. After a recent review of the Century Commission Report on education, steps are being made to implement some of the recommendations.

Terri Lindemann, Code Enforcement Inspector, stated that a sweep inspection has been made for junk vehicles in Lackawanna, Old Kings Road and Moncrief Rd. areas. She also stated that a sweep inspection of Jackson Ave. for junk vehicles will be made on Friday, March 19th.

Business:

Chairman Straley introduced George Leverett a new committee member representing the Better Living Community Association and his wife Frances Leverett who is the alternate member. He also mentioned that Thomas Peeks, who was not present, was also a new member.

Helena Atalla, CIP Coordinator-Planning & Development Department, made a presentation on the Northwest District 5 projects in the 199-2004 CIP. She explained the steps in reviewing and approving the CIP. She also explained how citizens could have input into the process.

Old Business:

Chairman Straley read the resignation letter of Jocelyn Turner, which this information was announced at the last meeting.

Subcommittees:

There were no subcommittee reports given.

Election of Vice-Chairperson:

Committee member Thomas May of the nominating committee, which also included Erma Cole, read the nominating committee report. He stated that Christine Campbell was nominated to fill the Vice- Chair vacancy. Chairman Straley conducted the election for Vice-Chair. There were no nominations from the floor. The Northwest CPAC members unanimously voted for Christine Campbell as Vice- Chairperson.

Other Business:

Chic Holliday introduced herself and asked for the vote and support for her for City Council At Large Group 2.

Terry Holliday of the Jacksonville Property Association introduced himself and stated that he was representing the Jacksonville Property Association and he would continue to reprensent this organization until he gets someone to apply for membership on the Northwest CAPC.

Announcements:

Chairman Straley announced that he had attended the funeral of Renora White who was a dedicated member of the Northwest CPAC. Elaine Burnett shared information about Renora's involvement in the community, specifically her courage to continue to work doing her illness. She shared her touching experience of the funeral and stated that something should be done to honor Ms. Renora White.

Committee member Rosa Stephens stated that the Royal Terrace Improvement Association will be planting trees on 45th Street between Moncrief & Avenue B on Saturday March 13th. She also mentioned that Friends of A Friend will have the Grand Opening of the Royal Terrace Plaza located on 45th Street on Wednesday, March 31st at 10:00 AM.

Committee member Mary McDowell of the Lackawanna Community Group invited everyone to join them at Mallison Park on Saturday, March 13th at 9:00 AM to participate in their neighborhood cleanup.

Committee member Linda Moore reported the following information.. The North Riverside Community Development Corporation will participated in the Greater Florida Clean-up event in April. Applications are available from Weed & Seed to apply for grants in the Weed & Seed area. An asset mapping process is being carried out in the North Riverside area to obtain resources that are available and can be use to improve the neighborhood. The city has cleaned up a blighted dump area in the neighborhood. The Butterfly Garden located at the JUL-Headstart center on Forest Street is coming along fine and should be completed in the near future.

Committee member Elaine Burnett announced that they have a new group called RADO (Riverside Avondale Development Organization), which is promoting the rehabilitation of homes in the area. She mentioned that they currently have a contract to rehab a house on Post & James Street.

Committee member George Leverett announced that the Better Living Community Association planted trees on Prince street and their next project is to partner with JaxPride to conduct a Neighborhood Inventory of Visual Pollution (NIVP) activity.

Committee member Erma Cole stated that the Robinson's Addition Improvement Association members rode around the neighborhood and listed vacant properties that need to be cut and they submitted this information to the city's Property Safety Division, which she stated she was please with the initial action taken by the city to clean up these lots. She also stated that they were getting a stop station in the neighborhood which would be located at the Boys & Girls Club on Line Street.

Committee member Mary Jones mentioned that they were trying to revitalize two previous neighborhood groups that had been active in her neighborhood.

Committee member Thomas May of the Thomas Jefferson Civic Association announced that a stop station will located at the corner of Hammond & Cahoon streets. He also mentioned that one of their eyesores, Obi's Gas Station, had been torn down.

Committee member Barney Roberts announced that renovations had been completed on the Beverly Hills Community Center. He also expressed his concerns about an over abundance of junk cars being located to the Northside because of the junk vehicle ordinance. Additioanlly he expressed his concerns about Y2K and the treatment citizens receives from Children and Families.

Chairman Straley announced that the a workshop on the Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grants will be the major agenda item at the April 8th meeting. Chairman Straley thanked Christine Andrews, center manager of the Charlie Joseph Center, for hosting the first quarter of the 1999 Northwest CPAC meetings. He reminded the committee members that for the second quarter (April, May & June) the meetings will be held at the Willowbranch Library located at 2875 Park Street.

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