SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 10, 1999

Committee Members Present

Brady Straley, Chairman
Elaine Burnett
Norman Study
Erma Cole
George Leverett
Rosa Stephens
Thomas May
Linda Moore
Carrie Washington
Christina Campbell
Barney Roberts
Diane Kerr
Frances Leverett

City Staff/Public/Media Present

Joyce Bizot
Suraya Teeple
Ada Mae Green
Elaine Lancaster
Terri Lindermann
David Gueterman
Jim Fuller
Judy Truett
Mary Ganzel

I. Call to Order

Chairman Brad Straley called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

II. Staff Comments

Lt. Jim Fuller, JSO, presented a report on recent crime statistics and then introduced the newly appointed Assistant Chief for the area, David Gueterman. Asst. Chief Gueterman expressed his commitment to work closely with CPAC on their concerns.

Code Enforcement Officers Terri Lindemann and Elaine Lancaster responded to specific questions concerning a variety of issues.

Judy Truett, Director of Community Services presented a report on truancy in the schools and reviewed some of the most significant findings and implications, particularly those related to criminal activity. This information had not previously been gathered and compiled on a countywide basis.

III Business

Carrie Washington reported on the grant awards recommended by District 5 CPAC for the Jacksonville Children's Commission "New Ways Initiatives." Members of the sub-committee are Carrie Washington, Chairperson, Elaine Burnett, Mary McDowell, Rosa Stephens, Erma Cole and Mary O. Jones. Recommendations are as follows:

Applicant	*Project Category*	*Amount Awarded*
Back to the Basics, After School Tutorial Program Beverly Hills Church of God	In Our Community	$2,700
Hope Chapel Christian Assembly	In Our Community	$5,000
Rhythm Dancers	In Our Community	$4,480
YMCA Washington Heights Network Community Center	In Our Community	$4,250
Hope Chapel Christian Assembly	Neighbor to Neighbor	$7,000
Hope Chapel Christian Assembly	For Kids – By Kids	$1,000
	TOTAL AMOUNT	$24, 430

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Mary Ganzel (798-4504) of the Florida Department of Children and Families (formerly HRS) made a presentation on the department's child abuse investigation procedures. She outlined the structure of their office and explained how calls are responded to. She stated that they keep an open mind until the investigation is done to determine if the report is well founded. If so, law enforcement is contacted since the department has no role in criminal prosecution. They do, however, have the right to remove a child from danger with a judge's approval. Mary emphasized that their primary focus is the safety of the child and despite what HRS's reputation might be, they do attempt to keep children in their own homes. Mary responded to numerous questions from the audience on specific topics. Assistant Chief Gueterman and Community Services Director Truett both elaborated on the devastating effects of child abuse, particularly the correlation with future criminal activity.

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Chairman Straley outlined the topics discussed in the CPAC chairs recent meeting with Mayor Delaney. Of particular interest is the neighborhood notice law, now pending should allow for all neighborhoods that are registered with the Neighborhoods Department to be included in the Planning & Development Department's notification of land use and zoning changes. Currently however, there are only 18 neighborhoods on the Planning & Development Department's list, in contrast to more than 330 on the Neighborhoods Department's list.

Brad also announced that all CPACs are being asked to take part in the Fourth of July Parade, a new city event. Diane Kerr (387-4641) agreed to chair the parade planning committee.

Next month's CPAC meeting will focus on transportation. The JTA will speak on their *Transportation Alternatives Study*. Several major corridors are under consideration and only one will be selected for the first study phase. Brad pointed out that there are no northwest corridors on the list.

A bill has been introduced to City Council by Councilman Warren Jones to re-name the senior center after Louis Dinah. The committee voted to support the bill.

Plans need to be made for the CPAC tour of the area. Elaine Burnett (385-4597) agreed to chair the tour planning committee. Elaine can also be reached via e-mail at eburnett@juno.com.

Next month's meeting will be held at FDOT on Irene Street. Take I-10 to the Stockton Exit and turn on Irene.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.