SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
July 8, 1999

Committee Members Present

Brad Straley- Chairman
Diane Kerr
Larry Solomon
Thomas May
Linda Moore

City Staff/public/media

Hon. Alberta Hipps
Noah Henderson
Ken Avery
Judy Aranda
E. Castellani
Winova Hart
Terri Lindemann
E. Lancces
Ray E. Melgren
Faye Richardson
John Fleming
Val Lyman
Florestine Meeks
David Gueterman
Rita Nesbit
Laura M. Lee
Marie Perin
Letha Mann
John Mann
Glen Lator
Pat Greason

Chairman Straley called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M. Larry Solomon gave the invocation.

Staff Comments

Asst. Chief David Gueterman, JSO, reported that although crime was down overall about 27.83 as of June 30, 1999 for Zone 5, there has been an increase in burglaries to autos and businesses by youth. He stated that the increase in crime in these areas by youth is probably because school is out. He further stated that in an effort to deal with this problem, the Sheriff's Office should be contacted immediately if the youth are out beyond their curfew.

Ken Avery provided information on two applications for zoning exception (# E-99-73, Service Station on vacant lot located at 541 Lane Ave. S.) and (#E-99-85 proposed daycare at 2816 Edison Ave.). He also stated that the zoning application for Harris Mortuary on Edison Avenue is still being deferred and is scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on July 15, 1999.

Noah Henderson announced the upcoming Mayor's Neighborhood Summit on July 30th & 31st, and he encouraged those who were interested in attending to sign up before the July 15th deadline.

John Fleming announced that the CPACs are being allowed to have a booth at the Mayor's Neighborhood if they wish.

Business:

Judy A. Aranda, Consultant Project Manager of Parsons Brinckerhoff, introduced Ed Castellani, Rapid Transit Project Manager-JTA. Mr. Castellani made a presentation on the Transportation Alternatives Study (TAS). He stated that the TAS, a study for a transportation corridor within the Jacksonville urban area, was being done in partnership with the Jacksonville Transportation Authority and the Florida Department of Transportation and in cooperation with the Jacksonville Metropolitan Planning Organization. He explained the TAS, which is required by the Federal Transit Administration before federal funding can be received, will be carried out in two phases. Phase A, which will take approximately five months to complete, will evaluate primary transportation corridors identified in the Jacksonville Long-Range Corridor and Park and Ride Study. In this phase, the sequence of corridor studies will be determined after the completion of a technical evaluation and extensive public comment. Phase B, which is expected to take approximately one year to complete, will entail a detail study of the initial corridor and the outcome of this phase will be a specific set of recommendations for transportation improvements that will lead to the construction of specific transportation projects. He referenced a map that was distributed which showed the four proposed corridors, which all begin in the downtown area. Those corridors were: North Corridor-to the Jacksonville International Airport, East Corridor-to the beaches, Southeast Corridor-to the Avenues Mall area and the Southwest Corridor-to Orange Park though there are currently six corridors reflecting two corridors in Northwest Jacksonville. Updated maps will be provided shortly.. Mr. Castellani emphasized the importance of the public involvement program for both phases and he encouraged those who were interested to sign-up. The Northwest CPAC members and other concerned citizens expressed their concerns about the TAS, specifically their concern about a Northwest corridor not being considered in the initial TAS. Northwest CPAC members and concerned citizens pointed out how the growth was being directed in other areas of the city and the Northwest residents should not set back and not demand a corridor in their area, which will address some of their transportation infrastructure needs.

Announcements:

Chairman Straley distributed the Northwest CPAC-FDOT July report submitted by Suraya Teeple. He also mentioned that a letter of support from the CPAC had been forwarded in support of the ordinance to re-name the College Gardens senior center after Louis Dinah. He announced that the final 1999 Free Crape Myrtle Giveaway will be held at 7:00 AM Saturday, July 10th at Raines High School.

Committee member Thomas May announced that the roofing work has stated at the Thomas Jefferson Center .

Diane Kerr, of the North Riverside Community Development Corporation, reported on the City's 4th of July parade that the Northwest CPAC participated in. She also announced that JCCI was conducting a study on Prostitution and she encouraged those who were interested to sign up to participate in the study.

Other Business

The committee members and guest toured the Motor Carrier Compliance Bus, which was available at this meeting at the request of one of the CPAC members.

Noah Henderson announced that only one nomination had been received for the Mayor's Individual award and only one nomination had been received for the Mayor's Neighborhood award ,which is to be presented at the Mayor's Neighborhood Summit reception on Friday July 30th. These nominations were submitted by Rosa Stephens. He stated that Dr. Vincent Kerr was being nominated for his efforts to beautify his neighborhood (North Riverside), specifically his work in creating and finishing a Butterfly and Environmental garden at the Forest St. JUL-Head Start Center. He also state that the North Riverside Community Development Association was being nominated for the neighborhood award for their efforts in assisting with the beautification efforts. The CPAC committee voted in favor of the individual award going to Dr. Kerr and the neighborhood award going to North Riverside Community Development Association. for the Northwest CPAC.

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