MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Bradham Brooks Library – 1755 W Edgewood Avenue
December 14, 2000

Committee Members Present

Brad Straley, Chair
Diane Kerr, Vice Chair
George Leverett
Thomas May
Rosa Stephens
Rev. Anthony Wyche
Gloriden Norris
Norman Study
Joseph Anderson
Erma Cole
L. J. Solomon
Rosa Walker
Elaine Burnett

City/Staff/Public/Media

Lorrie DeFrank, Neighborhood Services
Assistant Chief David Gueterman, JSO
Donna Hulsey, Duval County School Board
Frank Cunningham, Code Enforcement
Jennifer L. Kohn, Code Enforcement
Helen Jackson, Department of Health
Carol Miller, Jacksonville Area Legal Aide
Ida Denson, Planning Department
Noah Henderson
Ada Mae Green
Frances Levertt
Linda Moore
Henry Cue
Edward Young
David Shakespeare
Janetta Lucas
Harold C. Johnson
Deborah Wyche

Chairman Straley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. at the Bradham Brooks NW Library at 1755 West Edgewood Avenue and asked that everyone please sign-in.

Invocation: Rev. Anthony Wyche

Staff Comments:
Lorrie DeFrank, Chief of Neighborhood Services, was happy to be at our meeting. She thanked everyone for her support this past year. There are flyers for the next 3 NW CPAC meetings that will be at Saint Clair Evans Academy (previously Moncrief Elementary) 5443 Moncrief Road, the second Thursday of each month at 6 PM. On behalf of Mayor Delaney, John Curtin, Joe Miller and Neighborhood Services she presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the NW CPAC Chairperson, Brad Straley and Vice-Chair, Diane Kerr for their dedicated service to the City of Jacksonville. Everyone agreed that Brad had done an outstanding job for 3 years.
Donna Hulsey, Duval County School Board, the last day of school for the holidays will be December 15th. You are meeting in a great place and hope the students will do lots of reading during the break.
Assistant Chief Gueterman, JSO, at this time last year we led the City in crime reduction. Last year we had a 12.5% reduction and this year we have a lot to do to keep those numbers. Right now we are .08% ahead of last year but we have the holidays to get through. There is a rise in robberies so please keep an eye out for your neighbor. Lock your door and cars. The things you've been seeing in the paper and TV are not widespread. Sheriff Glover asked the Feds to check out the department a year and a half ago. There are a lot of really good police officers that give their heart and soul to the community. We have a lot of young, energetic, hard working people working for the department. Zone 5 on the whole, putting the 2 years together, are we doing as well as we want? No. But with the population growth, changes in the community and changes in staff we are working hard. There will be a Sheriff's Walk on Saturday, December 16th at 10a.m. at Myrtle Avenue and following at Norfolk Avenue. ShAdCo N will have a meeting Tuesday, December 19th at 7p.m. at Lincoln Villas at 7866 New Kings Road. Harry Reagan will be the guest speaker. All are invited to attend both of these events. Thank you to JSO was extended from the NW CPAC members and guests.
Ida Denson, Planning Department, happy to be a part of our CPAC especially because she lives in the area. She will be at every meeting bringing information and hoping to answer some of our questions.
Frank Cunningham, Building Code Enforcement, introduced Jennifer Kohn who was just hired. They are responsible for getting unlicensed people doing work. They make sure that work is done properly and the citizens are protected. They also work on signs. Any sign that is not permitted is illegal. They have been working on taking the signs down off Beaver and Edgewood and major City right of ways. Signs on fences are also being taken down and if the owner does not take it down, citations have been written. Yard sale signs will not be cited until Monday unless there are lots of signs all over. There are different types of licenses. Every business must have an occupational license to do business but does not allow for the work to be done. Roofers, builders, A/C, plumbing, and repairs must be certified and

have a license number from the City or State. If you have any questions or need to know if someone is licensed they will research it. They are in the office between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and can be reached at 630-1212 Ext. 3557.
Helen Jackson, Department of Health, was glad to be at the NW CPAC meeting, knowing everybody makes it nice. If you have any questions on health related issues please feel free to call me at 630-3266. If you have any questions on seminars or the ash sites please call on me or I will have a health educator get you information you need. Forms on various poisons will be sent out to doctors.

Chairman Straley spoke on flyers for Edward Waters College car license plate program. If there is not enough interest they are dropped. It is very hard to get these plates off the ground. Chairman Straley also went over the letters he had written:

1. The waiver on 45th Street, City Ordinance # 1237 went before the Land Use and Zoning this past Tuesday. They are not going to meet again this month. You can call City Council at 630-1404 for information. You can also call Chairwoman Lynette Self 630-1392 for information on when this will come before Council. You will then have to rally the troops to go to the City Council Meeting.
2. Letter to Lynette Self on the publication of notices going in the Financial News and not the Times Union. This letter was also sent to the other CPAC Chairs.

NW Bus Tour: VCR was not available. Elaine Burnett talked about the survey of the tour and said that they had learned a lot. This is a good educational experience. The tour went in the Panama Park area, North Shore, Marietta, Cisco Gardens and Royal Terrace- 45th Street (waiver issue). We had a couple of speakers that were interesting. The representative from Toyota went over the future plans of the plant that had input from Cisco Gardens residents. When we are bringing in industry into a residential community, we don't want neighborhoods destroyed, having input with the corporation is very useful. We encourage everyone to come on future tours. They are learning tours of our neighborhoods. Thank you to Marilyn Fenton-Harmer for doing a wonderful job and organizing the tour.
Also thank you to Thomas May for your help with the tour.

Chairman Straley introduced Noah Henderson and Ken Avery. He thanked Ken for all his hard work with the CPAC.

Nominating Committee: Diane Kerr presented the minutes on the sub-committee and the following were nominated for Vice-Chair: Elaine Burnett, George Leverett and Gloriden Norris. Ms. Norris had to decline the nomination. Ms. Burnett's goal is to get new people in seats of leadership. Chairman Straley opened the nomination up to the floor for Vice-Chair 2001: no opposition. Chairman Straley was proud to announce that George Leverett is the Vice-Chair of the NW CPAC. Diane Kerr was nominated for Chair. Chairman Straley opened the nomination to the floor for Chair 2001: no opposition. Chairman Straley is proud to announce that Diane Kerr is the Chair for the NW CPAC 2001.

Chairman Straley spoke about how difficult it was to follow a great leader in Louis Dinah. He wanted to thank each member of the CPAC. He is very proud of each and everyone. He has gone to many of the other CPAC's and no one has the attendance that we do. We always tackle the tough issues and no-one does it better. I will assist our new leaders in any way possible and he turned over the gavel and meeting to the new Chairwoman Diane Kerr. Audience members also thanked Chairman Straley.

Chairwomen Diane Kerr said she was happy to serve but would not have accepted if it weren't for everyone helping. This isn't one person working alone but working together. You can add something to what you do with everyone's help. Thank you Brad for all your good work. I plan to call on you.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:48p.m.