MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BETTER LIVING COMMUNITY – Louis Dinah Senior Center
June 8, 2000

Committee Members Present

Brad Straley, Chairman
Diane Kerr, Vice Chair
Elaine Burnett
Betty Griner
George Leverett
Frances Leverett
Thomas May
Erma Cole
Christina L. Campbell
Laura M. Lee
Jean Lewis
Joseph Anderson
Rev. Anthony F. Wyche Sr
Fred Singletary
Rosa Walker
Rev. Eugene M. Johnson
Rosa Stephens
Ada Green
Alton Yates

Councilwoman Gwen Yates
Councilman Reggie Fullwood

City/Staff/Public/Media

Lorrie DeFrank, Neighborhood Division Chief
Judith Truett, Director of Community Services
Ken Avery, Planning & Development
Assistant Chief David Gueterman, JSO
Terry Lindemann, Property Safety Division
Elaine Lancaster, Property Safety Division
Katie Urban, Property Safety Division
Donald Garrett, Property Safety Division
Officer James M. Fuller, JSO
Officer S. C. Strickland, JSO
James Green, Department of Transportation
William Sweet, Neighborhood Services
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Services

Mae M Dinah	Anne Herndon
Bertha Richardson	Bernice Buckley
Johnny Hagans	Estelle R. Jones
Coach Dixon	Katherine Walker
Mary McKnight	Sarah Evans
Sandra Durham	Cathy Alston
Inez S. Crenshaw	Michelle Alston
Adriane Cook	Rev. R.F. Langford
Shirley Deen	Edith McLellan
William Taylor	Deloris Taylor
Henry Cue, Jr.	Eleanor Williams
Lavenia Gilmo	Grace Atkinson
Mary Knighten	Kelly Johnson
Rose Wynns	Mrs. Q.E. Wheeler
Ruby Bardwell	Beatrice Evans
Ophelia Johnson	Ollie F. Jackson
Doretha V. C. Jackson	Altamese K. White
Anita R. Alston	Glenn Alston
Blondell Mathews	Ronney Lanier
Lillian Barton	Nancy Beual
Pat Vail	Doretha Brown
Deborah Wyche	Susan Waters
Lydia Wooden	S.J. Brown
Ruth Sanders	S. Clark
Stephanie Prosser	Kenya Mitchell
Aretha Peterkin	Luella Mason
Maracell Peterkin	Rose B.Womax
Lousie Brimmer	Christina Mason
Mamie Tyson	Eddie Brown

David Bauerler, Times Union

Chairman Brad Straley called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. in the Louis Dinah Senior Center, 1805 Flag Street

Invocation: Pastor Eugene Johnson

Chairman Straley thanked Mr. & Mrs. Leverett, Ms. Dinah and the Better Living Community for hosting the meeting with an unbelievable turn out. Chairman Straley introduced our special guest Mayor John Delaney.

Mayor Delaney went over the Better Jacksonville Plan with the analogy of raising children. You prepare them for the future and this plan is preparing Jacksonville for the future generation. The following are the highlights:

1. Roads/Infrastructure/Transportation
    a. Countywide Road improvements from the Master Plan (Mobility 21).
    b. Every neighborhood road would be re-paved if it has not been done in the last 15 years. JEA, water and sewer works would be coordinated so as not to duplicate work.
    c. Buy corridors of land now for a future Rapid Transit System.
    d. Safety grade crossings for busy railroad crossings to avoid delays.

2. Environment/Quality of Life
    a. Preservation Project wants to preserve 10% of the remaining developable land in Duval County.
    b. Build a showcase park system.
    c. Have a clean environment by cleaning up the ash sites.
    d. The City will lay sewer lines in declining septic system areas.

3. Targeted Economic Development
    a. The Jacksonville Zoo will be able to complete Phase II of the Master Plan.
    b. Northwest Jacksonville would be targeted to create jobs by financing the infrastructure.
    c. Portions of Cecil Field will be preserved for recreational uses and prepare the property for economic development.

4. Public Facilities
    a. Build a new state of the art Main Library that would have lots of computers.
    b. Improvements to Branch Libraries.
    c. Build a new Arena.
    d. Build a new Baseball Park.
    e. A new Courthouse that the State requires to have adequate space. The current building was built for 8 judges and 9 courtrooms. Today, there are 39 judges and 21 courtrooms.

We do not need more funding to run Jacksonville and by the time this term is over, property taxes will be down 10%. This ½ cent sales tax will be on the September ballot and will not be changed unless the voters want it changed. The tax will not go on food, medicine or doctors. We ask for your support!

The Mayor then answered questions by audience members.

Chairman Straley adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Next meeting: 6 p.m., July13, 2000, New Police Sub Station at 210 S. McDuff Avenue