MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THOMAS JEFFERSON CIVIC CENTER
MARCH 9, 2000

Committee Members Present

Brad Straley, chair
Diane Kerr, vice chair
Rosa Stephens
Ada Mae Green
Elaine Burnett
Thomas May
George Leverett
Rev. Anthony F. Wyche Sr.
Frances Leverett
Fred Singletary
Jean Lewis
John Allen
Norman Study

City/Staff/Public/Media

Lorrie DeFrank, Acting Chief Neighborhood Services
Assistant Chief David Gueterman, JSO
Jim Green, FL Department Of Transportation
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Services
Katie Urban, Property Safety
Elaine Lancaster, Property Safety
Ray E. Melgren
Kevin Kilpatrick
J. Kilpatrick
Darrell Brock
Eugene M. Johnson
Denise Kaneer
Kevin Kilpatrick
Carol Miller, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid

Chairman Brad Straley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Thomas Jefferson Civic Center, 8237 Nevada St.

Invocation: Ms. Jean Johnson

Staff comments

School Board Update: Mr. Ken Manuel who was unable to attend and gave Marilyn Fenton-Harmer the following information to announce:

- **Stanton is the #1 School in the Nation & Paxon is the # 7 School** in the Nation for the number of students taking Advanced Placement and IB Courses and passing them.
- Annie R. Morgan's **Guidance Counselor Elise Key** was selected **Guidance Counselor for the Year in the State of Florida.**
- **Superintendent Fryer** is setting up committees to try and save money, i.e. our transportation costs are over $5-6 million dollars over what the state gives us. He has various business people studying how we can save money that can be better utilized in the classroom and or technology. Recommendations will be going to the school board soon.
- **FCAT** results- they hope to be back by early June.
- **Raines High School had Vice President Gore visit**. This was an exciting day for the students and staff alike. Great PR for the school.
- Raines Feeder Pattern Schools 17 in the Northwest District are working together to help all the students in the neighborhood. **Dr. Wendell Holmes is sponsoring a competition for the 17 schools** in math, reading, writing and speaking.
- A **Victory over Violence parade** was held with Annie R. Morgan, Reynolds Lane, Pinedale, and West Jacksonville with 1342 students and 2 high school marching bands. They marched from Morgan to Paxon in an hour and ten minutes.

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer made the following announcements:

- Kaleidoscope a Celebration of People will be on April 8th from 10a.m. to 5p.m. at the Jax. Fair Grounds
- Pat Gleason in Adult Services will be sending out flyers for a seminar on "Security and Safety for the Senior" sponsored by the City and the Sheriffs Office on Tuesday. April 18th from 9a.m. to 1p.m. at the Mary L. Singleton Center, 150 East `1st Street, lunch will be served.
- A Town Meeting for Senior Citizens will be on Wednesday, April 19th at the Bradham Brooks Northwest Branch Library at 1755 West Edgewood Avenue.
- Florida KidCare Health Insurance forms are available with applications on the table at the entranceway.
- What is WIC flyers (supplemental food and nutrition education program) and locations of the clinics are on the table.
- The Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grants applications are available. Mr. Gregory Owens, Project Manager Grants and Special Projects will be at our April CPAC Meeting.

Chairman Straley asked Lorrie DeFrank when she would be Chief and not Acting Chief. The date is still not set for Council approval.

Assistant Chief David Gueterman is trying to boost up membership in ShAdCo(Sheriff's Advisory Council). Please invite community members to be a part of ShAdCo. He explained that there were 3 Sectors in Zone 5, he passed out 3 flyers on the following:

- A **ShAdCo Meeting on Monday, March 13th** at the EWC Resource Building at 6p.m. for Sector M.
- On Tuesday, **March 21st the ShAdCo Meeting** for Sector N will be at the Police Memorial building at 7p.m.
- On **March 18th at 10a.m. Sheriff Glover will walk** Sector M-1 starting at 2200 Forest Street. Sector N will start at 11:30a.m. at 3000 Moncrief Road. Councilman Fullwood and Yates are expected to attend. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes for the Sheriff's Walk.
- Sub Station is going slowly due to contractors not showing up for scheduled appointments. Hopefully it will be complete in the summer.
- Question on funding for COPS Unit- is no longer federally funded but Sheriff Glover has committed to this. They did get a grant for some Officers
- Question about police walking 3rd Street and Daniel– Bernard Thomas along with ShAdCo walked the neighborhood and found the homeless women who is supported by the neighborhood. They are trying to find a place for her. They also identified the drug houses.

Elaine Lancaster with Code Enforcement: They deal with minimum housing inspections, unsafe structures, nuisance calls and junk vehicles. Her business cards will be passed out to everyone at the end of the meeting.

- Mr. John Fleming is our new Division Chief – please give him a chance
- Introduction of Katie Urban a new Code Enforcement Officer for the Biltmore, Picketville, Lincoln Villas, New Kings Road areas.
- Questions on junk cars came up they will tag the car and investigate. A Code Officer can NOT go in the backyard past the utility meter. If there is a safety issue they will call the police. If there ia a problem with rats call the Health Department. RV's are a Zoning issue.

James Green is our Transportation Planner from the Florida Department of Transportation. He will try to make all our meetings. His number is 360-5684.

Councilman Carter sends his regrets on being able to make our meeting.

Program

Choose Life License Plate-Russ Amerling, State Publicity Coordinator, Secretary &Treasurer, and his wife Jill made the presentation. This is the newest license plate that Governor Bush signed into law this year. IM4IT. Specialty plates raise over $17 million dollars each year. The money that the license plate will raise will go to the expenses that a woman incurs keeping her baby to term instead of an abortion and having it adopted. It is not anti choice but gives the woman a choice to carry her baby to term. It is currently not available due to litigation. You can help by:

1. Getting a packet and passing this information on to different organizations.
2. Telling people that 70% of the money will go to the women's expenses and 30% will go to the Non Profit Agency
3. Purchase a sample license plate for $10 for the front of your car.
4. They will go anywhere anytime to get this information out. Please give his number out.

John Allen was on TV for Paxon High School being the #7 School in the Nation for the number of students taking and passing AP(Advanced Placement) Exams.

Citizens for Tree Preservation- Mr. Brinton did not attend but Elaine Burnett volunteered to fill in for him.
They are getting names on a petition for an amendment to the City Charter. This is to stop the cutting down of trees without the consequence of replanting them. They need help getting the petitions signed on Election day. If you would like to help call 722-TREE or 353-8800. They need 20,940 signatures to get on the ballot in November. This is a grassroots effort.

New Business

- **Riverisde clean up** on Stockton & Myra and King & College took place. The later area was cleaned 3 months ago and the sidewalks had to be shoveled out. ***Who is responsible to clean this street up i.e. Streets & Highways?*** Also a Garbage can on College and King needs to be emptied. College Street is a State Street. We would like to have a clean up 4 times a year but not less than 2 times a year. We are having a problem with tires being dumped. We need to call in sooner because they will only pick up A certain number of tires. Thanks Diane for having started the clean up. At the end of April will be the RAP Home Tour. Please Come! The house on James and Post may be available for the tour.

- Questions about **Playgrounds** in the North Shore area was raised by Denise Kaneer. Information on who to contact was given. We will have Greg Owens at our next meeting to talk about grants. Call your Councilman, check with foundations and local businesses.
- Carol Miller from Legal Aid stated that if you are **NOT a 501C your tax return is due 3/15/00.**
- Darrell Brock from **Washington Heights** invited everyone to his **cleanup on Saturday, March 11th**. Suggestions for the National Guard, prisoners, Clean It Up, Green It Up, and the Navy for extra help were offered.

Announcements

Chairman Straley announced the following:

- **Census:** You will be receiving your letter from the census. Be sure to fill it out when you receive it. April 1st the forms go out. April 11th is the return cut off date. April 12th will have a 2nd letter and if you don't respond, people will be knocking on doors six times at $11.50 an hour. If people don't answer they will be asking neighbors about you. Jobs are still available for the Census. Ask Dave Roman at 630-1255 for flyers on this.
- **Tuesday, May 6this the Council Meeting** for the New Council President – We have 6 Council Members. Now is the time to lobby. We are also going to spend $1.5 billion on roads. The majorities are in the Northwest area. If you like it, now is the time to tell your Councilman.
- Fall 2000 – Billy Graham will be here. The date is not set due to the NFL not letting the Jaguars know the schedule for the year. Local number is 858-7070
- **Calendars** are courtesy of Jax Navy Federal Credit Union that opened at Cecil Field.
- **Thank you** to Thomas May, Fred Singletary and the Thomas Jefferson Civic Center for hosting our meetings.
- "**Neighborhood Magazine**" is excellent. Make sure you get a copy. They area free. You can call Marilyn Fenton-Harmer at 630-7024 to get your name on the mailing list. March/April edition is at the printers and should be coming out soon.
- **Beaver Street Viaduct-** Bids are being taken right now, they area showing $10.2 million for this project.

Drawings for door prizes were given out.

Chairman Straley adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting: 6 p.m., April 13, 2000, Better Living Community Association at Mitchell Community Center, 1010 Acorn Street