MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Bradham Brooks Library – 1755 W Edgewood Avenue
October 12, 2000

Committee Members Present

Brad Straley, Chair
Diane Kerr, Vice chair
Elaine Burnett
George Leverett
Thomas May
Norman Study
Joseph Anderson
Rosa Stephens
Carrie Washington
Pastor Eugene Johnson
William Taylor
Lydia Miller
Larry J. Solomon
Councilwoman Yates

City/Staff/Public/Media

Joe Miller, Director of Public Works
Felice Franklin, JEDC
Valene Williams, JEDC
Lt. L.V. Hayes, JSO
Elaine Lancaster, Property Safety
Katie Urban, Property Safety
Jim Green, FDOT
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Services
Gloriden Norris
Claude Hunter
ShirleyDeen
Ada Mae Green
Bertha Richardson
Katherine Walker
Juanita Lewis
Sabrina Lamar
Ollie Jackson
Ethel Johnson
Anne Herndon
Jim Ricks
Edith McLellan
Henry Cue
David Shakespeare
Ernest Clayton
James Lewis
Grace Atkinson
Dorothy Swan
Gene Hollormon, Learn to Read, Inc
Barbara Woodson, Times Union

Chairman Brad Straley called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. at the Bradham Brooks NW Library at 1755 West Edgewood Avenue

Invocation: Rosa Stephens

Chairman Straley welcomed everyone to our new location and asked that everyone please sign-in.

Jim Ricks of the Jennifer Carroll campaign for the District 3 Congressional seat came to speak on her behalf. He sent Jennifer's apology for not being at the meeting. She is in Orlando. Mr. Ricks gave a short bio on Jennifer and asked that everyone make an informed decision on November 7th. Her headquarters is on Lem Turner and Edgewood. Mr. Ricks asked for your support.

Claude Hunter came up to speak on Corrine Brown's behalf even though she did not ask him to do so. He asked that you continue to support Corrine Brown and vote on November 7th.

Councilwoman Yates was introduced and she said that she came to listen and that she would have to leave before the final agenda item.

Staff Comments:
Lt. Buddy Hayes, JSO - Sent Assistant Chief Gueterman's apology but the Sheriff called on him at the last minute. At the last meeting there was standing room only with a good turnout for the new Police Sub Station. If you have any questions or need assistance you can call the sub station at 384-8028 Monday – Friday 8am to 6pm.

Jim Green, FDOT – Reported that there will be a public workshop on October 26th from 4 PM till 7 PM at the DOT office on Irene Street. They will be discussing the following projects and maps will be available to view on:

1. Fuller Warren Project
2. I-95 and I–10 Interchange
3. Riverside Avenue to 6 lanes

If you have any questions please call Betty Miller at 360-5684 or 1-800-749-2967. A question on the #5 Fire Station will it be moved? They will need to move the equipment since they will not be able to get out of the driveway.

Code Enforcement: This is a very busy season with grass that needs to be mowed. If you have anything to report Code will be here at the end of the meeting. You can call 630-1212 ext. 3846 or 630-CITY for assistance

Chairman Straley welcomed Joe R. Miller, Director, Public Works.

Staff:

Public Works: Joe Miller introduced himself. He had worked for the Army Corps of Engineer for 26 years. The Public Works Department deals with Streets and Drainage, Traffic Engineering, Building Inspections, and Maintenance Inspections The Department is working as rapidly as possible to get a plan to have as little gridlock as possible with the Better Jacksonville Plan. The roadway projects have started. Signs have been installed and will be used from one project to another for the next 5 to 7 years. A question on how come the Better Jacksonville signs are up on roads that are going on now and the vote just happened? The gas tax paid for part and funds were transferred to existing road projects. If there is a problem or confusion the signs will be removed. If you need to reach Joe Miller you can call 630-1665 or JRMiller@coj.net. He will answer his e-mail within 24 hours.

Code Enforcement: Elaine Lancaster and Katie Urban will take your concerns. They will also notify the Neighborhood Services Department when the Code Enforcement Board will meet. If you have a problem you can call 630-CITY to have the CARE System enters the problem and gives you a tracking number with an estimated date of completion.

Planning and Development: Chairman Straley told us that they are short staffed and will not have a representative at the CPAC meeting. We all need to register to receive updates in our neighborhoods on Land Use, Waivers and Exceptions. The application went out with this agenda and there is also one in the back of the Neighborhood Directory. A suggestion to start a sub-committee for P & D was suggested. Diane Kerr told how she had to make 8 calls to get a fax number to send in this application. She sent hers in return receipt requested. If you have any questions Ken Avery's number is 630-2386

FDOT: Jim Green – On October 26th there will be a public meeting at 6pm at Irene Street to discuss the Master Plan. The NW was not in the first stage of the plan to our dismay.

Guest Speakers:

Felice Franklin, Chief, Business Development, Jacksonville Economic Development Commission,
Gave a presentation on the JEDC. The boundaries are from W of I-95 N of I-10, Gateway, State Street to St. Johns, N Trout River to the county line. They were created to have economic development in the North Portion of Jacksonville. They will assist businesses fill out the application. The funding is help get business off the ground and create jobs. There were applications and cards passed out at the end of the meeting. If CPAC would like to hear about the financing alternatives for growth and development the program JEDCO is available.

Councilwoman Yates discussed the need for citizens to find out what the "bright orange signs" mean when they a are placed on a building. Please take the number and the phone number down and call to find out what will come into the neighborhood. Being informed on what is to take place in your neighborhood will help make your neighborhood what you want it to be.

Old Business:

NW CPAC Bus Tour: The tour will be on Friday, November 3, 2000 leaving the NW Library at 1pm. Please get there a few minutes early to board the bus. This will be a working tour to keep your eyes open to see how we can improve. We will be going to North Shore, Panama Park, Marietta and Crystal Springs. We will go rain or shine. The NW CPAC was the first CPAC to start the tours and it has worked out well. Seating is limited.

New Business:

Waiver to Sell Alcohol: Councilwoman Yates left so that we may discuss the issue of the waiver to sell liquor at 45th Street across from Saint Clair Evans Academy Elementary School. Ms. Norris, Principal of Saint Clair informed the group that they were not aware of this until the Neighborhood Services Department called. Rosa Stephens, President of Royal Terrace Community stated that they wanted the quality of life to go up. They were an Intensive Care Neighborhood and this was the wrong kind of business that the neighborhood needed. They need services but positive role models for the neighborhood children. The reason that the application is being appealed is that the School Board did not receive their legal notice. It went to an unknown post box in Pennsylvania per the Planning Department. They are hoping that it is not heard before our next meeting on November 9t at the City Council Meeting. We need to voice

our concerns to the City Council. A suggestion to invite the owner to our next meeting was made. A question on the grant money that was used to purchase the property was questioned? Is the grant against the needs of the neighborhood? This item will be put on the November 9th agenda. A question of the set distance from a school or church was asked?

Announcements:

- There are 3 ways to vote: Absentee, at your voting precinct and at the Supervisor of Elections office. If you need to call for an absentee ballot 630-1410. The sample ballot will be in the Sunday paper before the election.
- Carrie Washington stated that if you need a ride you could call either party of listen to the radio for PA's giving phone numbers.
- Marilyn Fenton-Harmer had notices in the back for the upcoming Planning hearings.

E-00-133	6050 Cleveland Road	Sewer Lift Station
E-00-141	8989 Media Street	Manufactured Home
E-00-142	2941 W 1st Street	Day Care for 11 Children 2 Employees

- If you would like to sign up for the CPAC bus tour please do so at the end of the meeting or call 630-7024.
- December CPAC meeting is the vote for the new Chair/Vice Chair then they have a nice party. Everyone is welcome to come. Everyone usually brings a dish.
- Flyers for various events were also passed out.

Don't forget to vote on November 7th!

Chairman Straley thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Next meeting: 6 p.m., November 9, 2000, Bradham Brooks NW Library at 1755 W Edgewood Ave. 765-5402