MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
BETTER LIVING COMMUNITY – Louis Dinah Senior Center
July 13, 2000

Committee Members Present

Brad Straley, Chair
Diane Kerr, Vice chair
Elaine Burnett
George Leverett
Frances Leverett
Thomas May
Mary McDowell
Erma Cole
Joseph Anderson
Faye Richardson
Rev. Eugene M. Johnson
Norman Study
Rosa Walker
Rev. Anthony F. Wyche Sr
Carrie Washington
*Paul Carneal
*Reeda Harris

City/Staff/Public/Media

Lorrie DeFrank, Neighborhood Services
Ken Avery, Planning & Development
Jenifer Hewett, Planning & Development
Donald Garrett, Property Safety
Terry Lindemann, Property Safety
Katie Urban, Property Safety
Officer Rick Alley, JSO
James Green, Department of Transportation
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Services
Mae M Dinah
Anne Herndon
Henry Cue, Jr.
Rose Wynns
Joe McGill
Eleanor Williams
Janice Hawkins
Lavinia Gilmo
Deborah Wyche
Rev. R. F. Langford
Kelly Johnson
Angela Qualls
Melissa Naler
Karen Platt
Michelle Kinnaman
Priscilla Sanchez
Barbara Olinzolck – UNF Professor
Mr. & Mrs. C. D Tyson

*New members

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

Invocation: Joe McGill

Chairman Straley asked that everyone please sign-in and pick up the information on the table. With Mayor Delaney as our guest last month we have housekeeping to do this month. We had a fantastic turnout last month and this meeting will be a different kind of meeting.

Staff comments
Jennifer Hewett, Planning Department, went over the boundaries of the Beaver/Mrytle Avenue Redevelopment Plan. The Plan will be a guide for businesses in the area. Existing conditions in the area are: mixed use with a high number of vacant lots, sub-standard homes and single family homes with 15% being HabiJax. There is limited development for retail. The advisory committee is meeting monthly. They are surveying the group for residents and stakeholders. If you have any questions call Jennifer at 630-1606

Officer Rick Alley, JSO, Assistant Chief Gueterrman sends his apology for not being here. He is on vacation. The New Sub-Station is just about finished and will be ready for our August 10th meeting. Violent crime in Zone 5 for the first half of the year is down .5% but burglary is up 22% and auto theft is up 11.7%. We need to come up with solutions together to work on this. Total year to-date is 9.1% is up but since last month we went down 3.4% If you have any concerns please see Officer Alley at the end of the meeting.

Ken Avery, Planning and Development, has a number of applications for the July 27th hearing at 2p.m.at City Hall the public is invited. The following are exceptions:

E-00-072 on Lenox has an existing service station that wants to sell beer and wine.
E-00-0074 1 chair beauty salon in a residential house that wants a home occupation.
E-00-075 20th St/Prospect/Melson has 3 mobile homes and wants to add 3 more on each lot.
E-00-073 Y2K bar on Lem Turner wants a full liquor license but there are 19 day-care and churches in the immediate area.

The following are rezoning:

R-00-0629 North side of Normandy Blvd. was zoned a single family City is just now getting around to changing it RPI.

R00-0635 College Street-property being converted from a public school to residential 20 unit condo.

Land Use Amendment:

LUD-0041NW Corner of Ernona Street and Cassidy Street. This was submitted in 1998 2 times and it was denied. The City has paid twice for this to appear.

Chairman Straley introduced Professor Olinzolck from the University of North Florida along with a number of nursing students.

Code Enforcement: Terri Lindemann and **Katie Urban** had nothing to report but would take any concerns or questions. There were none reported but you can call 630-1212 ext. 3846 or 630-CITY for assistance.

Chairman Straley introduced Janice Hawkins of the Magnolia Project that is a Health Clinic for Women on 45th Street. They service zip codes 02, 04, 06, and 09. Please encourage women to come. Their mission is to reduce infant mortality.

Northwest Concerns:

Zoning Chesterfield Terrace presented by Joe McGill: This same issue was brought up in 1998. It is 3/10 of an acre residential lot. The owner wants to have it zoned Industrial Light. The Industrial Light definition was read. The owner of the property and residents were invited to attend this meeting. This is a Quasi-Judicial matter. With the owner (Jack Lanier) not present we cannot support or deny this. This issue was thought to be a dead issue when the owner had the City pay for this rezoning in 1998 that the City Council voted 13-3 to deny. Now here it is again with the City paying for it again. There are safety concerns such as 18 wheel trucks on a 17-foot road. At the City Council meeting the owner did not come. This property was sited and 5 months later the owner cleaned it up. The owner was invited to the SW CPAC in which he did not attend. There are more residents moving in that are not aware of the zoning problems. Mr. McGill sent a certified letter to Jack Lanier and spoke with him and he said that he would do anything he is permitted to use the land for. The property is still not clean and the neighbors usually mow it. Mr. Lanier is a junk dealer and stores his junk on many different parcels of land that he owns. At a meeting in 1998 at the Ramona School, Mr. Lanier stated that he would get what ever he wants. We hope you will support the denial of this to the Planning Commission. Mr. McGill stated he has nothing against Mr. Lanier only the zoning. If you would like to see other properties that Mr. Lanier owns, Mr. McGill has a list of addresses. Pictures were passed around of the problems. Having a junkyard in a residential neighborhood looks run down and adds to the problems with bugs and rodents. This gives an added spot for illegal dumping. We want the neighborhood to beautify not deteriorate. Families have spent their money on a home and want to be proud of. The reason that this has come back is because of the Comprehensive Plan, mistakes were made that need to be corrected. The City spent the money and didn't even hear from the property owner. *A Motion to have a letter written to the City Council with the NW CPAC concerns was made and seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.*

The Better Jacksonville Plan-Chairman Straley: Tuesday at 10:30a.m. the City Council will take a vote for the budget and to be placed on the September 5th ballot for the Better Jax. Plan. The Mayor has been doing 2 to 3 speaking engagements daily and will continue until the vote in September. The average turn out for a primary is 20-25%. Concerns about the roads and sidewalks were made. Will the citizens still have to pay for the sidewalks? This is a safety issue for children walking to schools. A recommendation to draft a letter on this issue was made. Elaine Burnett agreed to do this and get it to the Chairman. The NW CPAC had the greatest number in our attendance history for the Mayor. Thank you.

Lem Turner-Old Pic-N-Save-Anthony Wyche: wanted us to oppose the application for a full liquor license due to the 19 churches and day cares in the area. This will just add to the problems in the neighborhood. We need positive ways to make the neighborhood improve, not decline. *A Motion to have the support of the NW CPAC to deny this application was made and seconded. All were in favor with 1 no vote.* The hearing will be on July 27th at 2p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber.

Mobile Homes on Melson Avenue-Faye Richardson: asked that the NW CPAC support the denial of this application. *A Motion to support denial of this application was made and seconded*. A discussion on the current neighborhood and concerns were held. Since the owners were not present, a letter will be written discussing the NW CPAC concerns by Faye Richardson and sent to the Chairman.

Chairman Straley said that copies of these letters would be sent with the agenda.

New Ways Initiative Grant-Carrie Washington, Chairperson: The NW CPAC Committee approved $27,570.00. Thank you to Elaine Burnett, Erma Cole, Mary McDowell, and Rosa Stephens. The report is attached. Everyone is encouraged to visit the sites. Chairman Straley thanked the Committee for their hard work. *A Motion to accept the report as read was made and seconded. All were in favor and none opposed.*

Next month we will discuss the notices and publications. How many of you have heard of the Financial News? Only 2 out of 44 had heard of it.

Matching Grants-Lorrie DeFrank: 84 Applications were received for a total proposal of $355,000 but there is only money for $200,000. The grants will go before the review committee and the applicants will be notified in late August one way or the other. Two years ago the NW CPAC was #1 in the amount of money received.

Rededication of the Louis Dinah Senior Center-Ms. Mae Dinah: It was very nice and couldn't have been better with the exception of just getting out of surgery. About 120 people came with Councilman Fullwood, Warren Jones and Mr. Leverett speaking.

NW CPAC Bus Tour- Elaine Burnett: has agreed to chair this again. Mr. & Mrs. Leverett, Mr. May, Mr. Study, Ms. Kerr will assist Elaine with this. The NW started the bus tour now all CPAC's are doing them.

Mary McDowell will be in the hospital for the next meeting please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

State Department of Transportation-Jim Green: The Beaver Street Viaduct will have an Open House and will notify the members when this will take place. Please be sure to come to this to let your input be known. I-95 repairs are done. Edgewood to Mrytle to Dunn to Trout River will be re-paved with some closures. Resurfacing of New Kings Road to Nassau County will begin in the fall. With the Better Jax. Plan the City and the State may exchange projects with the expansion of the Matthews Bridge. Any other questions please call 360-5684

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer read the thank you card from the McPherson Family. CPAC surveys were due June 15th and we had only 7 turned in from District 5 so please help us improve by filling out the survey. The Mayor's Neighborhood Summit is Friday, September 8th at the Prime Osborn and we need to nominate an individual and a neighborhood. The winner names are due August 15th. The winners will need a small bio on why they were chosen. Please be sure to sign in. Thank you.

Chairman Straley thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Next meeting: 6 p.m., August 10, 2000, Police Sub Station, 210 South McDuff Avenue