MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Saint Clair Evans Academy Elementary School – 5443 Moncrief Road
February 8, 2001

Committee Members Present
Diane Kerr, Chair
George Leverett, Vice Chair
Thomas May
Rev. Anthony Wyche
Norman Study
Elaine Burnett
Laura Lee
Lloyd Washington
Barney Roberts

City/Staff/Public/Media
Joe R. Miller, Director, Public Works
Lorrie DeFrank, Chief, Neighborhood Services
Ken Manuel, Duval County School Board
Ida Denson, Planning Department
Valerie Williams, JEDC
Jim Green, Transportation Planner, FDOT
Ron Grimes, Code Enforcement
Jennifer Kohn, Building Code Enforcement
Assistant Chief David Gueterman, JSO Zone 5
Lt. Carl Thorwart, JSO Zone 5
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Coordinator
Henry Cue
Edward Young
Barbara Olinzock
Pam Marsden
Frances Pickett
Judy Aranda
Rev. David Shakespeare
Rita Nesbit
Teresa Baum
Neil Ambrus
Nadine Armstrong
Steve Armstrong

Call to Order

Chairman Kerr called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. at Saint Clair Academy Elementary School at 5443 Moncrief Road and welcomed everyone.

Invocation: Rev. Anthony Wyche

Approval of the Meeting Summary

The meeting summary from the January 11, 2001 meeting was approved when a quorum was established.

Guest Speakers

Judy Aranda, Parsons Bruncharhoff gave an update on the Transportation Alternative Study - JTA North-Southeast Corridor Study. A year and a half ago that came to the CPAC meeting and they were introducing the study on which corridor to start with. The corridor is 30 miles and 17 miles wide that cross over Council and Planning Districts. There will be 2 public meetings starting in the middle of March. They will be deciding what kind of alternatives and issues are important called "Scoping meetings". They need citizen input as to what needs to be done. They will be purchasing right of way with $100 million dollars of the Better Jacksonville money. They need to build rider-ship to support economic development. Currently there is no representative from the NW CPAC. Mr. May said that he had attended previous meetings and had not been notified of any lately. They have not had very good citizen turnout at previous meetings. Can we do a workshop or have this as part of the CPAC meeting? A question on how they were notifying citizens was asked? They have 1500 names on their database. The CPAC Chairs will be meeting and this may be a topic they would all like to work on. A question if we could use them to do a mail-out of NW neighborhood citizens that are active in their neighborhood association was asked? That may be a possibility. The handouts are in black and white and may be hard to determine. If you would like a color copy please call Winova Hart at 630-3170. The web page is www.jaxtas.com

Steve Armstrong, Outreach Specialist, Gateway Community Services, Inc. gave an overview of Gateway Services. He had numerous educational handouts on various drugs and their effects. Gateway Center is a good neighbor to North Riverside where they have their monthly meetings. Questions of how do people come to Gateway? Some are court ordered some by family members and some just come in wanting help. Not everyone wants help. There will be a chapter of MADD Dads starting in Jacksonville. If you would like for him to speak at your meeting please call 721-9469

Chairperson Kerr acknowledged UNF Nursing Students under Barbara Olenzolik. They work from the West Jacksonville Clinic on Line Street.

Staff Comments

Joe Miller, Director, Public Works, gave an update on the Better Jacksonville Plan. He has hired an Outreach Coordinator, Lisa Rowe Bare. She starts Feb. 20th. She will be available to talk with groups. She will be located at City Hall Annex on the 4th Floor.

Lorrie DeFrank, Chief of Neighborhood Services, We started a meeting called the "Informers" for the Better Jacksonville Plan. We meet once a month to get updates on the projects to better inform you the citizens. For Intensive Care Neighborhoods we will begin the Yard of the Month Contest. Every year there is a citywide survey to see how we are doing. This year Block Captains will be done separately. If you get a call please tell them how we are doing. The new neighborhood magazine is out. If you are not receiving your copies please let Marilyn know. The Leadership Institute will be starting if you know anyone who is interested please let us know.

Assistant Chief Gueterman, JSO, Introduced Lt. Thorwart who will now be the day shift leader taking Lt. Jim Fuller's place. Lt. Fuller will be moving to Vermont to pursue a career in writing. Lt. Buddy Hayes will be moving to the night shift. Last week they went into the Calvin /Belfort Road area in North Riverside. They documented 65 vehicles for towing, 34 property code violations, tagged 5 cars with 24 hour removal stickers. One yard had 10 junk cars alone. Ron Grimes, from Code Enforcement said they would work closely with JSO on how to correct this.

Ken Manuel, Duval County School Board, There will be a public hearing on Feb. 20th on 4 possible school closings Axson, Normandy, Norwood and Bethune. If approved by the board, Axson would close in 2002/03 due to the condition of the building. Normandy and Norwood have had declining enrollments. These neighborhoods have also had a declining growth pattern. The district has to fund small schools. Schools need to have 700/800 to pay for services. It is recommended that Bethune close for rehabilitation due to the Brown's ash site from a letter from the City's General Counsel. Bethune students 240 to Woodson, 81 students to Carver, and 35 students to Saint Clair. Norwood's 164 students would go to North Shore. A review of Normandy Elementary on the process of funding and services were presented. A question on why Grand Park Alternative School did not have a library came up. They do review each school on a plant survey is done every year. Area 12 Raines SAC concerns were that Direct Instruction was at Norwood but would not be at North Shore and will the parents be informed and or given a choice to go to a DI School? The children of Norwood should have transportation to North Shore if the board accepts the change but the neighborhood revolves around the school. Pastor Johnson is working in the community to keep it open.

Jim Green, FDOT, There will be resurfacing on Beaver Street from I-10 to Stockton. There will be a public meeting on Feb. 27th from 5pm to 7pn. The project manager and displays will be available. At 7pm the formal presentation will take place.

Ida Denson, Planning Department, A list of neighborhoods that are registered to receive notices for changes in Land Use and Exceptions was passed out. There are 2 things that are coming out in the NW, a Chinese Restaurant on Plum Street and a hearing on the private club in Washington Estates to sell beer and wine on Feb. 15th at 2pm. There is no information on Kimmons yet. The hearing date for the waiver on 45th Street is March 8th.

Valerie Williams, JEDC, Current projects that are on going are: A Belgium firm is considering a $30 million dollar plant with 70 jobs at the Westside Industrial Park. W.W. Granger wants to put in a $23 million dollar plant at Westside Industrial Park. Western Auto on Lem Turner is renovating and will expand with rental space. The City with the Chamber has just opened the Small Business Center at Gateway Mall next to Work Source – 5000-3 Norwood Avenue. They can assist you with the process for starting a small business for free or a nominal charge for training. Currently the date has not been set for the public forum for the NW Economic Trust Fund. JEDC hopes to get the needs of the community and try to fill those needs. There is a Board Meeting on Monday, Feb. 26th at 4pm at 220 E Bay Street at City Hall Annex. A question on a family owned business Soap Bubbles wants to expand with a Dry Cleaner. Are there problems with the chemicals? They are going to put in the latest equipment.

Old Business

- Waiver on 45th Street has a hearing date of March 8, 2001 at city hall, Land Use Meeting at 2 PM.
- The letter to Sheriff Glover on the police coverage at Lincoln Villas was read.

New Business

Chairperson Kerr introduced Nadine Armstrong who just retired from the Clean It Up/Green It Up Department. She will be missed greatly and we thank her for all her hard work and support for the Northwest.

- Neil Ambrus of theJacksonville Juvenile Justice Coalition received a grant for zip codes 06, 08, and 09. He will be working to fill in gaps on Mental Health Services and to work with youth on violence and substance abuse issues. If you have any questions please call 630-6498.
- Sub Committees – We would like to set up committees on your interests. We would like to have members of CPAC to hold the Chair position and have members of the community be a part of the committee.
- George Leverett and Diane Kerr spoke about goals for the NW and how to reach them. The first step would be a visioning session for the NW CPAC. Then neighborhood leaders would learn how to do a session to get a plan of action in place. Then their neighborhood would be prepared for the Town Square monies for neighborhoods older than 35 years old. The NW CPAC has had a lot of accomplishments but now we would like a hands on approach to go forward. We met with Shirley Dasher of JaxPride and this may be possible with them through a Charette. Joni Foster of LISC is also willing to do a special session with us on ideas and resources to help us. This may be done at half of a future meeting.

Announcements

- Councilwoman Gwen Yates is on the cover of Women's Digest. She looks beautiful on the cover and it's a good article.
- The EPA will have more public meetings on the current status of the dumpsites. They are doing more testing at different sites. They will bring maps and let the public know what's happening at Lonnie Miller Park and Myrtle Avenue.
- Mayor's Matching Grant application will be available Feb. 12, 2001. Training workshops are scheduled for:
  March 1- 6:30 to 7:30pm
  March 8- 6:30 to 7:30pm
  March 15- 10:30 to 11:45am
  March 29- 10:30 to 11:45am
- New Ways CPAC Grants are due March 9th to Jacksonville Children's Commission, 421 W Church, Suite 222 Matt Thompson 630-6432 will assist you with the grant application.
- Looking for a job – Work Source at 333 E Monroe St or at Gateway Mall (nest to the new Small Business Center) can help or call 356-JOBS or 888-702-4396 www.worksourcefl.com for assistance.
- Mayor's Commission on Status of Women will be having a Health Adventure on Sat. Feb 10th 9 to 2 at the Prime Osborn Center for free continental breakfast and box lunch provided. Call Ms. Anderson at 630-1650 to RSVP
- Tree Giveaway's every Saturday for 6 weeks start 7am

March 24th	FCCJ Kent Campus
March 31	FCCJ North Campus
April 7th	FCCJ South Campus
April 14th	Ed White HS
April 21st	FCCJ Downtown
April 28th	Mandarin HS

- Credit When Credit is Due a free 6 week course on money management will have a class in Pine Forest March 20th but Royal Terrace will have one starting August 21, 2001 for 6 weeks at 6 PM to 9 PM.
- The Citizen's Forum for Racial and Cultural Harmony will be on Feb. 23rd at UNF from 8:30a.m. until 11:30 a.m. There will be a luncheon with Martin Luther King III from 11:30 to 2pm. There is a cost but if you need assistance please call 390-3230
- Universal Circus at Norwood Shopping Center Feb 21st to 25th For tickets you can call 353-3309 Ticketmaster

Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, March 8, 2001 at Saint Clair Evans Academy Elementary School, 5443 Moncrief Road at 6 PM.