MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
West Jacksonville Elementary School – 2115 Commonwealth Avenue
April 12, 2001

Committee Members Present
Diane Kerr, Chair
George Leverett, Vice Chair
Thomas May
Brad Straley
Rev. Anthony Wyche
Norman Study
Joseph Anderson
Erma Cole
Elaine Burnett

City/Staff/Public/Media
Joe R. Miller, Director, Public Works
Lorrie DeFrank, Chief, Neighborhood Services
Brenda Onfroy, Duval County Health Department
Helena Atalla, Planning & Development
Jeff Sheffield, FCMPO
Milton Locklear, Transportation Planner, FDOT
Ron Grimes, Katie Urban, Steve Middleton, Code Enforcement
Jennifer Kohn, Building Code Enforcement
Assistant Chief David Gueterman, JSO Zone 5
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Coordinator
Herb Brinson, JTA
Mae M. Dinah
Henry Cue
Edward Young
Felton Hamilton
Grace Atkinson
Teresa Baum
Edward Exson
Edwina Abney
Paulette Turner
Faye Johnson
Deborah Merritt
Rev. David Shakespeare
Katrina Strickland
Bertha Richardson
Luealla Mason
Marilyn Rogers
Connie Fussell
Deross Whigham

Call to Order
Chairman Kerr called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. at West Jacksonville Elementary, 2115 Commonwealth Avenue and welcomed everyone.

Invocation: Rev. Anthony Wyche, Sr.

Approval of the Meeting Summay
When a quorum was established the meeting summary from the March 8, 2001 meeting was reviewed. *There was a Motion to approve as written by Rev. Anthony Wyche and seconded by Erma Cole. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.*

Guest Speakers
Lew Belkin, Manger, Chamber Alliance for Small Enterprises made a presentation on the Small Business Center. He will assist anyone that is interested in starting a small business in the NW and or Enterprise Zone. He can be reached at 924-1100 ext. 226. A question if we can get a detailed map of the Enterprise Zone? The boundaries are on the web page www.coj.net/e-zone or you can call 630-1624
Faye Johnson, NE Florida Healthy Start, Fetal Infant Mortality Coalition made a presentation. The causes are being looked at for Jacksonville since our rate of Infant Mortality is higher than the state average. They work with zip codes 02, 04,06,08,09, and 54. The Clinic's number is 924-1570. Faye Johnson can be reached at 363-6352
Jeff Sheffield, Senior Transportation Planner, First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization, made a presentation on transportation for the NW**.** The long-range plan is 20 years out and the short-range plan is 5 years out. Questions were asked about the Matthews Bridge that FDOT will address at the next meeting. Handouts on the Draft of the Transportation Improvement Program for 2001/2002 through 2005/2006 were distributed.
Helena Attila, CIP Coordinator, Proposed 2001-2006 Capital Improvement Program made a presentation on the Draft for Capitol Improvement Projects for the NW. Projects over $25,000 are listed. There are 815 total projects for the City of Jacksonville. A question if the Skyway was going to be extended? No. JTA is looking at light rail and bus routes for the current North/Southeast Study. A question of why was Lonnie Miller Park scheduled for soccer fields yet it is a superfund sight? Questions on why do City Council Members take money away from projects that were appropriated from a previous Councilperson? They can do that if they amend the CIP with public hearings, committee meetings and an ordinance approved by the current City Council. Handouts of the CIP were mailed to members and distributed at the meeting. If you have any further questions please call 630-4921.

Staff Comments
Joe Miller, Director, Public Works, gave an update on the Better Jacksonville Plan. He will be one of our guest speakers for the month of May for the latest on the Better Jacksonville Plan and NW Parks.
Lorrie DeFrank, Chief of Neighborhood Services, announced the Mayor's Town Hall Meeting Monday, April 23rd 6PM at Ribault HS Cafeteria and Mayor's Matching Grant are available. The deadline is June 29th at 5 PM.

Assistant Chief Gueterman, JSO, announced that the crime figures for 2000 match 1999. To date there are 254 less victims. Residential burglary

is on the rise so be safe and lock your house and car. On April 26th – 30th will be the COPS initiative in Zone 5. There will be 72 officers a day in the neighborhood. There will be zero tolerance. JSO Citizens Academy begins on April 12th and meets every Thursday night 6 PM to 9 PM for 12 weeks call 630-2160 for information. A question if DART was still working? Yes they had 78 houses in Zone 5 DARTed but the owner can bring the house back up to code.

Code Enforcement, Ron Grimes introduced Katie Urban and Steve Middleton, a new officer for the NW in Mixon Town and Lackawanna. If you have any problems please call 630-CITY.

Health Department – Brenda Onfroy announced they are moving in to the new Hollybrook Health Center. You can call 630-3302 for details. There are free immunizations Shots by 2 to catch those children up to date on their immunizations. If you need her assistance call 630-3300.

FDOT – Milton Locklear will report back to us next month on questions that came up during Jeff Sheffield presentation.

Old Business

NW Visioning: The Planning Department has prepared a Request for Proposals for a Visioning for the SW and NW CPAC. This will have to be approved by the City Council. It will probably take a number of months before we know the results. If you would like to contact your Councilman to let them know your thoughts on this that may be helpful. The success of this depends on the people putting this on their calendars and everyone attending. A copy of the RFP will be sent to the CPAC membership.

New Business

A Motion to have the next CPAC meeting on May 3, 2001 instead of May 10th was made by Norman Study and seconded by George Leverett. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.

Neighborhood Happenings

- Elaine Burnett-Riverside/Avondale Preservation reported that RAP will be having their annual tour on April 28th-29th. You can call 389-2449 for information. They also just celebrated the first project of RADO that was a success.
- Erma Cole, Robinson's Addition, reported that "Paint the Town" will be happening the week of April 21st to the 28th. The check in designation will be at Westbrook Park off McDuff. The luncheon will be on April 26th. They also received a grant for the entrance sign to welcome you to the neighborhood.
- Norman Study-Cisco Gardens, reported that new water was going up Pritchard Road.
- Diane Kerr, North Riverside, reported that they have completed the $200,000 on repairs for homes and hope to get more money.
- Herb Brinson, JTA, reported that the bus schedule for the Westside is being rewritten. There will be a bus to go from the Northside to the Westside without having to go downtown. Two Beaver Street routes are changing: West to Lane Avenue to 103rd Street and turn around at Wal-Mart and Beaver Street to downtown to Baymeadows. The changes take place on May 8th at 6 PM. A question if they could re-route the Beaver Street WS-9 to include stopping at the new Hollybrook Health Center. They would look into this.
- Katrina Strickland, North Main Street Baptist Church, invited everyone to participate with a Northside Acts of Kindness on June 28th from 4 PM to 6 PM to cleanup from the Main Street Bridge to the Trout River Bridge. We hope you will come out and help!
- Connie Fussel, Neighborhood Partnership for the Protection of Children, introduced the Neighborhood Coordinator Deross Whigham. They are a new program working out of the Full Service Schools. The goal of the program is to reduce child abuse.

Announcements

- A letter from the National Civic League inviting people to attend "Strategies for Communities Movement Southeast Region" on Friday, May 11, 2001 at the Omni Hotel from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. was made by the Chairman. A copy of the registration form will be sent to the CPAC membership.
- World of Nations Celebration – April 27-29th at Metro Park $3 - 1day ticket, $5 2 day ticket and $7 – 3 day ticket.
- Friday Fest at the Park is back. It is in Hemming Plaza from 5 PM to 8 PM. Each Friday a different band will perform:

April 6th	River City Band	April 13th	Pili Pili	April 20th	Dr. Hector & the Grove Injecctors
April 27th	The Little Green Men	May 4th	The Swamp Dog Jazz Band	May 11	Thunder & Lightning
May 18th	Mike Shackelford Band	May 25	Teddy Washington Band	June 1st	River City Band
June 8th	Yoga Latin Jazz	June 15th	Navy RockN'Roll Band The Pride	June 22nd	Heritage Bluegrass Band & Westwind

- Tree Giveaway – All begin at 7 AM, 4 trees per person: April 14th Ed White High School April 21st FCCJ Downtown Campus April 28th Mandarin High School
- Let Every Vote Count sponsored by the League of Woman Voters and the National Council of Jewish Woman will hold a public forum on Election Reform on the First Coast on April 16th from 7 PM to 9 PM At the JCA Jewish Community Alliance 8505 San Jose Blvd at San Clerc info 355-8683 or 443-2820
- 2001 Family Recreation Festival Dates for the NW are: April 28th Grand Park May 19th Woodstock August 25th Clanzel Brown
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Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Thomas May and seconded by Elaine Burnett. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 3, 2001 at West Jacksonville Elementary, 2115 Commonwealth Avenue at 6 PM.