MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
West Jacksonville Elementary School – 2115 Commonwealth Avenue
May 3, 2001

Committee Members Present

Diane Kerr, Chair
George Leverett, Vice Chair
Rev. Anthony Wyche
Norman Study
Faye Richardson
Barney Roberts
Erma Cole
Elaine Burnett
Paul Carneal
Lloyd Washington

City/Staff/Public/Media

Ida Denson, Planning & Development
Brenda Onfroy, Duval County Health Department
Milton Locklear, Transportation Planner, FDOT
Katie Urban, Code Enforcement
Jennifer Kohn, Building Code Enforcement
Sgt. JSO Zone 5
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Coordinator
Wanda Forrest, FCMPO
Wilson Carley, Hubbard House
Lisa Rowe-Baer, Better Jacksonville Plan
Frances Leverett
Grace Atkinson
Linda Moore
Daisy Fleming
Louella Mason
Henry Cue
Darlene Fleming

Call to Order

Chairman Kerr called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. at West Jacksonville Elementary, 2115 Commonwealth and welcomed everyone.

Invocation: Rev. Anthony Wyche, Sr.

Approval of the Meeting Summary

When a quorum was established the meeting summary from the April 12, 2001 meeting was reviewed. *There was a Motion to approve as written by Rev. Anthony Wyche and a second by Erma Cole. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.*

Chairman Kerr asked, George Leverett, Frances Leverett, Faye Richardson and herself to be on a Sub Committee on By-laws once the draft is completed by the General Counsel's Office.

Neighborhood Happenings

Ribault Homeowners had Mike Weinstein as a guest speaker. He went over opportunities for the Super Bowl. The Ribault School Advisory Committee would like to see the Jaguars practice on their field for the Super Bowl and asked for your support by writing the Jaguar Foundation or Delores Barr Weaver.

Better Living Community has had Habitat Resources doing rehab work in the neighborhood for seniors. If the cost for the work was under $9999 it was a grant. If it went over $10,000 it became a lien. Nothing happens on the home unless the home is sold. BLCA partnered with S. P. Livingston Elementary for a Community Day Carnival. It was a lot of fun with great weather and great attendance.

Robinson's Addition just finished having Paint the Town with 46 homes having rehab work such as A/C, plumbing, roofs and the painting of homes completed. The Youth Reaching Out Grant of $3200 is a program where students help out senior citizens with chores and receive a small stipend. The Paxon Full Service School Neighborhood Grant sponsors the grant. It will be over in June and will see if they can get more funds to continue this program.

Cisco Gardens has the water going up to Pritchard Road and the 4-lane highway going in.

Murrray Hill the NW and the SW Planning District split Murray Hill neighborhood in the middle. They will now be joining our CPAC as well as the SW CPAC. They are working to get sidewalks and curbs on Post Street. McDuff and Edgewood have them however it is the State's responsibility for this street. The Metro Planning Organization Committee has started in the Murray Hill Preservation and citizens are working on this. They have fought long and hard to get the prostitutes off the streets thanks to the mentoring of Diane Kerr.

North Riverside reported that they are trying to identify drug dealers and prostitutes and undercover work continues to go on. The $200,000 housing repair grant program is going well. They gave away 10 bikes to children who have never had a bike from generous business partners in the community.

RAP had a very successful home tour. There was good weather and it was very successful.

Barney Roberts reported on the Community Health Clinic and the Health Fair on the 19th.

Guest Speakers

Wilson Carley, Hubbard House, Domestic Violence Awareness made a presentation on spreading the word on eliminating domestic violence one neighbor at a time. There will be a meeting on July 31, 2001 at the Southeast Branch Library from 6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m. to learn more about this. If the neighborhood leaders could please spread the word that would be most helpful. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Wanda Forest, First Coast Metro Planning, Update on the Transportation Alternative Study JTA North-Southeast Corridor Study handed out a questionnaire for input on long range goals for JTA. We need citizen input for goals and objectives for 2025. There will be a Transportation Fair on May 15th at the Landing from 10a.m. until 2p.m. There will also be a booth at Hemming Plaza during Friday Fest on May 11th and the May 18th.

Lisa Rowe Baer, Outreach Coordinator, made a presentation on The Better Jacksonville Plan. She gave a handout on the power point presentation directed towards the Northwest Projects. There will be a public meeting on the Northwest Trust Fund shortly. Questions on the plan were asked. If you have any questions on the septic tanks call 665-7500. If you have any questions for Lisa call 630-1653.

Staff Comments

Neighborhood Services – Marilyn Fenton-Harmer 630-7024 made the following announcements

- Everyone is welcome to come to the Intensive Care Celebration on Saturday, May 19th at Simonds-Johnson Park from 10a.m. until 2p.m. There will be food, fun and a health fair.
- The Matching Grant deadline is June 29th at 5p.m.
- Friday Fest will continue through June. Please join us at Hemming Plaza from 5p.m. until 8p.m.
- The Times Union will advertise your neighborhood meeting in the community calendar if you notify Coutler Kirkpatrick at 359-4272 or Ckirkpatrick@jacksonville.com
- There is a list being passed around for your e-mail address. We will try to e-mail you the agenda and minutes to get them to you faster.
- May 10th is Miracle on Ashley Street. There is a $15 donation for the bowl and lunch.

Code Enforcement – Katie Urban 630-1212 told us that Terri Lindeman would be returning from her temporary duty with the Code Enforcement Board. Theresa Harden will be handling this. They did a small mini sweep at Ken Knight Drive where 80 cars received stickers. 1642 Fairfax Street- all the cars are gone and there will be a meeting with legal on this property. 2230 Walter Road – had a minimum housing inspection and was checking the legality of occupancy. There were lots of dogs that did not have any water or food. Animal Care would be called in. Questions were asked on how much time an owner has to repair a property? First the property is condemned then they have from 25 to 36 months to repair it. It must be boarded up, vacant and secure. With a minimum housing first the inspection then 60 to 90 days with a second visit to be sure the work was completed. If it is not then they will have to go before the Code Enforcement Board.

Florida Dept. of Transportation - Milton Locklear 360-5686 The EPA is working on the greenways as well as with the Mayor's office. The Beaver Street Viaduct will go to Tyler Street. A question if the road resurfacing will go from McDuff to Edgewood?

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Zone 5, 384-8028 Sgt. McCormick thanked Code Enforcement for the great partnership. A question of what happened to the COPS Unit? The COPS unit now works as a major task force in one zone at a time to have zero tolerance. If you want to call in anonymously on a drug house call 630-0500. The 911 will have your name and number.

You can also call the sub-station during working hours at 384-8028. ShAdCo M, N, and O will have a joint meeting on May 17th at 6:30p.m. at the Police Memorial Building. The Sheriff will have his 300th walk on May 29th at Durkeeville. A question on Riverside came up however that is in Zone 4. The Police Web Page is linked through the City @coj.net.

Planning and Development, Ida Denson 630-1901 the RFP is in the process of being approved for bids. The deadline is May 31st. The Visioning will be done with different layers such as a charette but involvement is key. The following were up for review: E-01-34 for a Manufactured Home at 5434 Trout River Blvd and E-01-39 for a Manufactured Home at 7954 Smart Avenue.

Health Department – Brenda Onfroy had to leave early but left handouts. If you have any questions you can call 630-3302.

Old Business

NW Visioning: *Elaine Burnett made a Motion to start having a segment in the minutes to remind people that the NW Visioning will be coming. A second by Anthony Wyche was made. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.*

New Business

Welcome to new members and to Paul Carneal of Crystal Springs. They are hoping that Crystal Springs Park will be reopened soon. The EPA is doing testing on the sight. If you have questions on the sights you can call Mike Fitzsimmons at 448-4320 ext. 358 A question on when will the testing stop, the results be ready for the public and work go on that was scheduled be able to proceed? This takes time. Some Superfunds take 10 years for the cleanup. Several projects have been put on hold and citizens have been asking when they can get their project done. We need to be more active to get the cleanup that we need at the dumpsites and the parks. The plan for the cleanup is about a year away.

Announcements

- If you are Non-Profit Organization you can submit your name to the Friday Fest Committee to sell drinks for a fundraiser at 630-1653.

A Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Thomas May and a second 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, June 14, 2001 at West Jacksonville Elementary, 2115 Commonwealth Avenue at 6 PM