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

Committee Members Present
Gloriden Norris
Rev. Anthony Wyche
Thomas May
Joseph Anderson
Pastor Eugene Johnson
Elaine Burnett
Christina L. Campbell
Norris Reid
Barney Roberts
Alton Yates
Rosa Stephens
Mae M. Dinah
L. J. Solomon

City/Staff/Public/Media
Joe R. Miller, Director, Public Works
Lorrie DeFrank, Chief, Neighborhood Services
Ida Denson, Planning Department
Frank Cunningham, Building Code Enforcement
Jim Green, Transportation Planner, FDOT
Milton Locklear, Transportation Planner, FDOT
Denise Bunniwith, FCMPO
Lt. R. C.Thorwart, JSO Zone 5
Judith Truett, Director, Community Services
Bryan Hensley, Deputy Director, Community Services
Glen McKibbon, Chief, Adult Services
Jack Gillrup, Chief, Disabled Services
Virgil Green, Chief, Mental Health & Welfare
Brenda Onfroy, Health Department
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Coordinator

Henry Cue	Lillian Jackson
Felton Hamilton	Grace Atkinson
Richard Cuff	Luella Mason
Teresa Moouly	Latonia Mitchell
Cebron Webb	Jesse Bush
Linda Swafford	Bill Swafford
Ada Green	Mr. & Mrs Kenny G. Johnson

Ellis Brown, Director of EWC CDC

Before the meeting could be called to order a chairman had to be elected from members present since the Chair and Vice Chairperson were not present. *Mr. May nominated Ms. Norris who is a member and the Principal of Saint Clair Evans Academy. This was seconded by Anthony Wyche. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.*

Call to Order
Acting Chairperson Norris called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m. at Saint Clair Academy Elementary School at 5443 Moncrief Road and welcomed everyone. A quorum was established. Taking the privilege of the chair Ms. Norris showed a video on students in the Creative Writing Program.

Invocation: Rev. Anthony Wyche, Sr.

Approval of the Meeting Summary
There was a Motion by Thomas May to accept the meeting summary from the February 8, 2001 as written and seconded by Anthony Wyche. The Vote: All were in favor as written. None opposed.

Guest Speakers
Denise Bunniwith, First Coast Metro Planning- invited everyone from the NW CPAC to be part of the Public Involvement Plan. They will be glad to come out to any neighborhood meeting to update the plan. Please e-mail or contact Denise with any suggestions. The decisions that are made today will have an outcome in the next 20 years. There is a flyer inviting you to the Spring Transportation Fair at Gateway Mall on March 29th from 5:30pm until 8:30 PM. There is also a Citizens Advisory on Bike Transportation if that is of interest to you.
Judith Truett, Director, Community Services, was excited to be at the NW CPAC. She was the past representative from the Mayor's Office. There are 5 divisions in Community Services. Ms. Truett introduced her Deputy Director Bryan Hensley. He talked about the other programs that fall under Community Services such as: the Office of Juvenile Justice Program, the Office of Volunteer Services, Public Service Grant Program which is worth $10 million dollars for not for profit 501.3. C groups. This year's deadline just passed. Breaking the Cycle of Drugs Program. DAWN (Developing Adults with Necessary Skills), DART (Drug Abatement Response Team) PEG (Probationers Educational Growth), INVEST (Intimate Violence Enhanced Services Team) and Inside/Outside a transitional house for juveniles.
Glenn McKibbin, Chief, Adult Service, works with a fine segment: the elders of our community. It was established in 1985. The mission is to provide services to age successful and greatest potential for oneself. Enhance the enjoyment of life for older citizens. Live life independently in their home for as long as possible. They have a budget of $6 million dollars. The following programs are in Adult Services: Community & Senior Center Services, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Foster Grandparents, Special Programs for Older Adults and Independent Living.
Jack Gillrup, Chief, Disabled Services, the smallest division but the one with impact. They want to improve the quality of life by removing barriers. There is a TV show with Community Services on Tuesday night at 5:30 PM on channel 29 cable on A-Z on various programs. If you have any questions please call 630-4940.
Virgil Green, Chief, Mental Health & Welfare, the largest budget of $22 million dollars is provided for metal contracts. There are 350 calls a day for patients into the system. They also provide limited assistance for low-income citizens in crisis, manage substance abuse treatment and prevention services in the correctional system, and administer the Ryan White Aides Program
Veterans Services, we have a lot of Vets in Jacksonville and are helped with benefits. A third is homeless and are helped with getting a job and becoming self-sufficient. They are happy to assist you.
Victims Services, is located at 403 W 10th Street. They provide support in a crisis such as sexual assault, crime victims and community crisis. They have volunteers and a mobile outreach unit. We hope you never have to use this service. Flyers were handed out on each program.

Staff Comments

Joe Miller, Director, Public Works, gave an update on the Better Jacksonville Plan. The first Program Manager has been awarded for the Arena and BallPark. It is a joint venture with a minority owned firm of Gilbane Scheer Renaissance. They competed well and were the best firm. The roadwork is coming. We received the Request for Proposal for the Courthouse and Main Library. Coming soon will be the resurfacing and sidewalks. If you would like to see a certain street you can check the web site. It will be revised weekly. The question of Post and College going one way was asked? Council Overton is working on this as well. After the I-95 and I-10 Interchange are complete that's when it can turn around to both streets going 2 ways. This is in draft form only. The City would have to get this road back from the State. The plans for the next 10 years have not been completed. A request that manhole tops be lined up after a project has been complete would be helpful.

Lorrie DeFrank, Chief of Neighborhood Services, The applications for the Mayor's Matching Grant is available. There will be workshops on how to fill out the application from March 15th until March 29th. The dates are in the back of the application. The deadline for the application is June 29th. The ICN Neighborhoods will be starting a Yard of the Month Contest. Please call 630-7398 for details.

JSO, **Lt. Thorwalt** introduced himself and invited everyone to come to the Sheriff's Advisory Meetings. There are ShAdCo 3 Sectors in Zone 5. Sector M meets on the 2nd Monday at Emmett Reed at 6 PM. Sector O meets at the Pickettville Civic Club on the 2nd Monday at 7:30 PM. We are trying to reach out to the businesses in the community and will have a special ShAdCo Meeting for Sector M business on Monday at noon at WW Gay on Stockton Street. CIPTED is the environmental education to make your surrounds safe and comfortable. The Zone 5 number is 384-8028 if you need assistance.

Duval County School Board, Ms. Norris, mentioned that the School Board voted Not to close Norwood and Normandy Elementary and to close Bethune on a temporary measure until the cleanup is complete. The FCAT testing will be finished on Friday.

Ida Denson, Planning Department, The LUZ Committee met and denied the appeal at1780 W 45th Street. The next step is to go before the Full City Council Meeting on March 13th at 6 PM. The private club in Soutel Estates does not need a waiver to sell beer. There will be a hearing on March 15th for the following: Variance/ExceptionE-01-09 Day Care 14 children – 2 Employees 1005 Westbrook Circle
Land Use 2001 246W 5th Street between N Lane Ave and Ellis Rd.

The North CPAC with Councilman Alvarez wants to have a Visioning and Master Plan for North Jacksonville. Call 630-1901 and Council people to see if the NW can do the same. First phase is the citizen input into the plan with a "Scope of Service" along with a Charette. Chairman Kerr said that we talked about this at our last meeting. ***A Motion by Elaine Burnett to go ahead with the necessary steps for a visioning for the NW CPAC as well as contacting our Councilman was made and seconded by Anthony Wyche. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.***

Jim Green, FDOT, introduced Milton Locklear a Planner with the Florida Department of Transportation. They may be rotating the attendance at the CPAC meetings. The Scoping Meeting will be on March 28th at Gateway Mall. We need your input. Please come voice your opinion.

Frank Cunningham, Building Inspector, passed out the monthly report from CARE in the NW on the number of cases. There has been a tremendous increase in the number of unlicensed contractors doing business. A sign sweep was done on Lem Turner and New Kings Road. In 3 blocks 15 signs were taken down. If you have work done on your house by an unlicensed contractor you will not be covered by your homeowner's insurance. If you need to check to see if a contractor is licensed call 630-1212 ext 3557. A State Certified Contractor can go anywhere in the state and they take courses with 5 years and a state test. A Certified contractor can only do work in the County. The web site to check is www flsunshine.com. Their office is located at 220 E Bay Street Room100.

NW Sub Committees were tabled.

Marilyn Fenton-Harmer made the following announcements:

- Parks and Recreation will be having camp during the spring break at various locations. Call 630-4100 for details
- Celebrate the St. Johns River Celebration on Saturday, March 17th. Call Sue Jantz at 630-3420
- 5th Annual Teen Summit 2001 "Teens Time to Talk" March 17th at Alltel Stadium from 8:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Free Lunch, parking, entertainment, and transportation. Great Workshops for ages 11 and older. You can call the Alliance at 630-3363
- Children's Commission has scholarships for $200 for the summer camps the deadline is April 6th call 630-3647.
- Paxon Youth Action Council will be having a cleanup on April 7th from 10 am to 2 PM meeting at the Paxon Full Service School Building on the corner of 5th and Melson
- Tree Giveaways – Start March 24th at 7 am at FCCJ Kent Campus. 4 per person
- Free Adult Classes at the Library – they offer free classes in reading, spelling and basic math at various branches. The program is open six days and evenings a week. For more information call 630-2426
- March 26th is Jacksonville's Day of Caring – call 630-3598 for more info
- Annual Environmental Awards are due March 26th. If you would like to nominate someone or business see me after the meeting for an application

Old Business

Rosa Stephens invited everyone to the City Council Meeting on March 13th 6 PM City Hall to support Royal Terrace and LUZ on 1780 W 45th St.

Announcements

- Acting Chairman Norris introduced Ellis Brown the new Director of the Community Development Corp. at EWC.
- Richard Cuff announced that he was building a new Laundromat/pizza place across the street on the corner with no wine or beer. He asks for the community support. It should be open in 3 months.
- Kenny Johnson announced that he was a motivational speaker called "Stop the Pain".
- Linda Swafford announced that she was having problems with speeders in her Murray Hill neighborhood. She has had JSO bring out the cart that counts the numbers of speeders but the problem persists and would like our support to see how this can be corrected.
- Elaine Burnett announced the Historic Preservation State wide Annual Conference that will be held in Jacksonville on May 16th to 20th. They are located at the Florida Theatre Building on the 7th Floor at 630-1891

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Thomas May and seconded by Anthony Wyche. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday, April 12, 2001 at West Jacksonville Elementary, 2115 Commonwealth Avenue at 6 PM.**