MEETING SUMMARY
NORTHWEST CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Small Business Center – 5000-3 Norwood Avenue
August 9, 2001

Committee Members Present
Diane Kerr, Chairperson
Thomas May
Joseph Anderson
Rosa Stephens
Pastor Eugene Johnson
Elaine Burnett
Rosa Walker
Edward Exson
Christina Campbell
Linda Moore
Ellis Brown
Grace Atkinson

City/Staff/Public/Media
Bob Baughman, Parks and Recreation
Bill Joyce, Public Works
Karen Blutcher, Neighborhood Services
Tammy Toye, Planning Department
Steve Middleton, Code Enforcement
Milton Locklear, FDOT
Brenda Onfroy, DOH
Denise Bunnewith, FCMPO
Terry Wood, Gateway Mall
Marilyn Fenton-Harmer, Neighborhood Services
Ada Green
Linda Swafford
Ken Stokes
John Lawson
Malovin Simpson
Robert Flornoy
Yvonne Wilson
Ernestine Lawson

Call to Order
Chairman Kerr called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. at the Small Business Center, 5000-3 Norwood Avenue and welcomed everyone.

Invocation: Thomas May

Approval of the Meeting Summary
When a quorum was established the meeting summary from the July 12, 2001 meeting was reviewed. *A Motion to approve as written was made by Thomas May and a second by Joseph Anderson. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.*

Guest Speakers
Denise Bunnewith, FCMPO, Jacksonville Urban Area Transportation Study – presented the process on the 2025 Transportation deficiencies and land use growth. Every 3 years they do a model, which includes information on development, housing, employment, schools and population along with traffic counts to determine what the deficiencies will be for transportation. The upcoming phase is the most important one concerning citizen input. They are currently looking to relieve the deficiencies with alternatives such as highway improvements, transit alternatives or a combination of both. They currently have 3 alternatives and need our input to come down to 1 for the 2025 Plan. She would like to come back in September and do a workshop on the plan and get our input. Chairman Kerr asked how long the meeting would be and decided to have a special meeting in September. We will do a mailing to business and non-attending members inviting them to this and informing them of the up coming Visioning for the NW CPAC. If a flyer were made she would put it with this letter to promote this meeting.
Ken Stokes, A.P.E.L. (Aids Prevention & Education for Life) at Abyssinia Baptist Church 2360 Kings Road spoke about this faith based HIV/Aids awareness and prevention program. They conduct on-site HIV anonymous/and confidential testing. They also have counseling and referral services. Yvonne Wilson, Outreach Manager, goes on the streets to get the word out. It is very important to get the word out into the African-American Community since they represent 77% of HIV cases in Duval County. They also have the Title 1 Ryan White Program to help patients get their medication and other needs. A.P.E.L. is working in zip codes 02, 04, 06, 08 & 09. A question if the school board were working with them to get the children informed? In Duval County we do not teach this but have an abstinent based program. Also Repairer of Outreach Ministry said they were working in the Lackawanna Area on Lennox Avenue. Aids/HIV affects all communities. There are grants available to help set this program up as well as Federal dollars. It was also brought up that a cure is needed and we need to lobby Congress to get funding for research.

Neighborhood Happenings
Pickettville Civic Club – President Joe Anderson asked for our consideration to write 3 letters on the proposed addition of a 124-acre landfill on Old Kings Road near Soutel, the Trout River and Dinsmore Elementary School. There are 20 to 25 residences in a low-density area but not a place for a dump within the community that finds this objectionable. They would like letters to the ORC – State, Land Use and Zoning Committee and the City Council President. The final vote will be Oct. 23rd. The Planning Committee approved this on May 10th, LUZ approved it on May 15th and Councilman Holzendorf approved of it also. The only chance is at the last 3 meetings. Chairman Kerr will contact Waste Industries – Brian Johnson, Manager 768-5363 to set up a meeting at Pickettville since she has had dealings with them before. She will also contact the Environmental Attorney as well. The sooner this takes place the more of an impact this will have. *A request to table the letter writing until after the meeting to get all the information was made by the Chair.* Questions on if it harms the water and if it

passed DEPA were asked? The answers were not known. CPAC will also be notified of this meeting. Mr. Anderson and the community can't let this go by without trying to fight this.
Royal Terrace – Rosa Stephens would like to have the block parties at the parks stopped that are selling alcohol and drugs. This is a hardship to the community. *A Motion to send a letter in support of more diligence in the permitting process was made by Thomas May and a second by Joseph Anderson. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.*
Terry Wood – Manger of the Gateway Mall welcomed everyone back to Gateway. He was going to Savannah to see about their "First Saturday Crafts & Art Show" day on the waterfront. He wants to see if that would be something we could start here at Gateway Mall with the support of CPAC and the community. Chairman Kerr asked Mr. Wood to come back to the next meeting and let us know how things went and if it is feasible. This past weekend they hosted a "Back to School Rally" with NBA Chance, Communities In Schools and various other community partners.

Staff Comments
Department of Public Works, Bill Joyce 630-1324 introduced himself and informed us that Joe Miller is on vacation. Bill Joyce works in the Engineering Division. This is a new section that supports Parks & Recreation on designs for new projects. There are 38 Park Projects that are on going. There are public meetings to get input from citizens on how the parks are designed. CPAC requests a list of the parks that are scheduled for design with anticipated dates on start and completion. A question on how can you get a park was asked? Joseph Anderson said that he worked with his Councilman (Holzendorf) to get his park. Once Councilman Holzendorf approved the plan, Pickettville Civic Club had the supply catalog to pick out play equipment. They met with Parks and Rec. to see what they could get with the allocated funds in their order of priority. A question on can money allocated for parks be used and taken from one district to another? If you can get that Bill number Bob Baughman will check on this.
Parks and Recreation, Bob Baughman, Deputy Director of the Parks Department said that the group that was traveling in the different neighborhoods was an organized group that went from park to park without a permit. The police should be called and JSO should ask to see the permit and ask them to leave if they don't have one. Please inform the JSO if you hear of a party at a park to try and stop them before it happens. Metro Park is available for groups this size. There are certain criteria that must be met for different size groups. Chairman Kerr said that there was one planned at Mallison Park and JSO had the COPS bus and officers ready but cars just drove by and the party didn't happen.
Neighborhood Services, Karen Blutcher, Outreach Manager, introduced herself since this is the first meeting she has attended due to her having class on Thursday nights. She just graduated with her Masters and will be able to attend. There were 117 neighborhood Grants submitted for a total of $585, 000 but there are only funds for $250,000. The review team will have the results by the end of August and notices will be sent to everyone who submitted a grant whether they were awarded one or not. The Neighborhood State Conference will be September 7th and 8th in Orlando. We have a bus that will be leaving Thursday night at 6 p.m. If you are interested in riding it for free please let Marilyn know, as the seats are limited. The Leadership Institute will be having their Graduation Ceremony on August 30th at 6 p.m. at Shands. All are invited. Please mark your calendar for our Neighborhood Summit on Friday, Nov. 16th. Please make your nominations for the CPAC Award for 1 individual and 1 neighborhood by your Oct. Meeting. Block Captain Training will be on August 29th from 4p.m. until 6p.m. with info on Adult Services and Mental Health. Please plan to attend.
Duval County Health Department, Brenda Onfroy 630-3218 wanted us to know about the Center for Disease Control is studying young children on the levels of pesticide in their blood. Children get tested at the Health Centers. Handouts on this were passed out with local phone numbers as well as the EPA. This was done in conjunction with the Citizens Health Advisory Board. If you have a questions please call the information number at the Health Department at 630-3300.
Code Enforcement – Steve Middleton reported that they are working lots of weed lots. A question on if a complaint was supposed to be completed on June 19th on a weed and nuisance problem what is the process? An Inspector goes to the property. The owner has15 days to do something. The Inspector returns within 15 to 17 days and if nothing is done they take a picture and turn it in to go for a contractor that will be sent out and a lien placed against the owner. They may also get to go before the Municipal Code Enforcement Board. Ron Lindsay is the Zone 5 Supervisor. There is a new law on junk vehicles. Be sure to get a notarized bill of sale so that you will not be stopped from registering your current car. Inspector Steve also explained that if a car was on the City Right of Way call JSO to tag it. If the junk car is on the owner's property call 630-CITY for Property Safety to come and ticket the car.
Florida Dept. of Transportation, Milton Locklear 360-5686 reported that nothing was new this month. A question on how the Fuller Warren Bridge was coming along? There are lots of changes to come with the I-10/I95 Interchange. Forest Street will be 6 lanes and there will also be 16 ramps. A question on when will Little Six Mile Creek be renovated was asked? He will check and will report back next month on this.
Planning and Development, Tammy Toye 630-2304– had 3 applications for zoning:

E-01-71	8641 Bronson Lane	Manufactured Home
E-01-85	3078 W 20th Street	Manufactured Home
E-01-86	3509 Kingston St.	Day Care 14 Children 1 Employee

The hearing date will be Thursday, September 13th. The consulting firm of EDOWL has been selected for the SW/NW Visioning. They will have information in the next 30 to 40 days. A letter will be sent out on the planning sessions.

Old Business

- A question as to who contacted the Post Office on North Main Street about the cleanliness was asked? Marilyn Fenton-Harmer had contacted the Post Office on Main Street. They said they leased the building from First Union. She called the Branch Manger who gave the Real Estate office who then gave the maintenance person to contact. They said they would work on it. Rosa Walker said it was still a mess.
- *There was a Motion to remind everyone in the minutes to be prepared for the NW Visioning Session*. Elaine Burnett wanted to reiterate that the Visioning would be a very positive step for neighborhoods. We need as much information on what will happen as possible and the public needs to get this information as well.
- A question as to how long one should wait to set up a meeting with Representative Mahon and JSO was asked? Questions on this topic were asked at the last meeting. Chairman Kerr will talk on this after the meeting. *A Motion to write a letter to get a meeting of concerned citizens was made by Elaine Burnett and a second by Joseph Anderson. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed.*

New Business

Chairman Kerr had Thomas May, Rosa Walker, Elaine Burnett and Chris Campell as the Nominating Committee for the CPAC Awards. **Chairman Kerr** also had Elaine Burnett, Chairperson, Linda Moore, Thomas May and George Leverett on the CPAC Bus Sub Committee**.** Elaine said the theme for the Bus Tour will be "Grading on the Curve".

The following announcements were also made:

- There are handouts on the Bill of Rights for Neighborhoods on the table.
- Councilman Reggie Fullwood is having his Redistricting Meeting on Thursday, August 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Woodstock Park in the Community Center.
- There is a map of the proposed redistricting zones and on the back are the dates for the public meetings where your concerns will be recorded for the record.
- There is also a handout on how to request a public record request on the table.
- You are all invited to the SW CPAC first annual picnic at Cecil Field on Saturday, September 22nd from 11a.m. until 2:30p.m. Tickets for the Sonny's Barbecue are $7 and can be purchased by Chairperson Diane Kerr.
- You are also invited to the SW Bus Tour on Wednesday, August 22, 2001 from 8a.m. until 1:30p.m. Please call 771-1404 to R.S.V.P. Seating is limited.

A Motion to Adjourn

A Motion to adjourn was made by Thomas May and a second by Joseph Anderson. The Vote: All were in favor, none opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58p.m.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 13, 2001 at 6pm
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Sub Committee's will meet before the meeting at 5:30 p.m.