

**NORTH DISTRICT  
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FCCJ North Campus – 4501 Capper Road  
August 13, 2003**

**Meeting Summary**

**Agenda Item 1. Call to Order and Verification of Quorum**

Chair Harry Wagner called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. There was verification of a quorum.

**Agenda Item 2. Summary of Previous Meeting for Approval**

A motion was made to approve the meeting summary from the previous meeting (June 11, 2003). The meeting summary was approved.

**Special Announcements**

Chair Harry Wagner introduced guests who had requested time to make special announcements:

Bernard Chapell gave an overview of the Jacksonville CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) nine-week training course that is being offered September to November. He distributed brochures and schedules.

Pamela Seay and Sally Kenniston provided information on the latest "Jacksonville Reads" project. The book selected is *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. Book discussions will take place throughout the city.

**Agenda Item 4. Subcommittee Reports**

**Governmental Affairs** report was given by Jack Stuart for Robert Lee

- 2003-0103 CPAC recommended deferral
- 2003-0105 CPAC recommended approval (with 2 NOs)
- 2003-0831 CPAC recommended disapproval
- 2003-0839 CPAC recommended approval (with 1 NO)\*
- V2003-6\*\* CPAC recommended deferral

\*Drew Frick and Susan McDonald, spoke about the project, "North Point Village", on behalf of the developers (Johnny Dudley and Carl Studemeyer) and answered questions.

\*\* "Amelia View", Nassau Sound Drive

**Education** subcommittee chair Dr. Barbara Darby announced the Family Literacy Fair scheduled for coming Saturday from 10 to 1 and distributed flyers. The Mayor is scheduled to be there at 11:30.

**Children's Commission** chair, Dot Mathias said that the funding for the CPAC grants was now available but that it still had not been received by the recipients. She said that staff member Matt Thompson had given assurance that funds were on their way.

**Transportation** subcommittee chair, Richard Berry presented a letter to Denise Bunnewith at the Planning and Development Department for approval. The letter sets forth transportation recommendations from the CPAC to the MPO. The letter was approved.

**Mayor's Representative** – no report

**Crime:** JSO's new Zone Commander Larry Jones reported that while crime is up substantially in some areas, it is not up as much in the North District. Because of the growth in the district, additional officers will be allocated.

**Building Inspection Division** staff member George Butler said that there have been no recent complaints to his division.

**Property Safety Division** – no report

**Duval County School Board** – DCSB member Vicki Drake reported that there are 128,000 children enrolled this year. She said that budget issues and overcrowding are still concerns. She also said that the new school, Biscayne, is now open but that corrections have still not been made at Oceanway.

Lara Diettrich, **Planning and Development Department** announced the August 29<sup>th</sup> deadline for town center applications. She said that to date, no requests have been received from the North District. The chair asked Bob Lee to chair a town center subcommittee for the North CPAC.

Milton Locklear, **FDOT** reported that they have identified some streets that need improvement that might be included in a town center request from the district.

Karen Miller Blutcher, Outreach Manager for the **Neighborhood Services Division** announced that North District Coordinator has taken a new position in the division and that Cami Cooper will be the new coordinator for the North District. Karen also said applications for the Mayor's Neighborhood Matching Grants have been reviewed and will soon be awarded. She asked everyone to mark their calendars for the Mayor's Neighborhood Summit, October 17<sup>th</sup> and the Florida Neighborhoods Conference which Jacksonville will host September 16-18, 2004.

Chair Harry Wagner said that the Mayor's enthusiasm for the CPACs is very high. At his recent meeting with the CPAC chairs, the mayor said that he views the CPACs as a model for other cities.

**Councilman Warren Alvarez** provided information on issues in or affecting the district:

- Longhorn Steakhouse will open next week.
- There will be no replacement vehicles in the new city budget
- Planning with citizens is underway for the new 385-acre park at the site of the old dairy farm.
- Land banking for schools will begin so that land is available as new communities develop.

*[The remaining portion of the meeting was chaired by Robert Lee.]*

**Agenda Item 5. Presentation by Parks, Recreation and Entertainment Department  
Topic: New Master Recreation Planning Program**

“Making the Vision a Reality” was presented by Parks & Recreation Department’s Bob Baughman, Deputy Director, Phil Bruce, Planning Chief and their consultants from HDR/Landers-Atkins Planners, Steve Snell and Charles Griggs. The Power Point Presentation described the department’s current inventory (which has gone from 2895 acres in 1990 to 7493 acres in 2003, plus 39,657 acquired through the Preservation Project) and plans for future growth and development of the park system. They concluded by distributing a survey which they invited everyone to complete.

**Agenda Item 6. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Robert Lee, Vice Chair at 6:24 p.m.