

**NORTH DISTRICT
CITIZENS PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FCCJ
February 13, 2002
Meeting Summary**

AGENDA ITEM I - Call to order and Verification of Quorum – LaTrecia Baker called the CPAC to order at approximately 4:03 p.m. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present.

AGENDA ITEM II – There was a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The decision was unanimous.

AGENDA III – Old Business - None

AGENDA IV - Subcommittee Reports

A. Governmental Affairs Subcommittee

Harry Wagner presented the following Bills to CPAC:

- **R-2001E-003 and R-2002-50 No action.**
- **R-2000-950 CPAC recommended approval.**
- **E-02-06 CPAC recommended approval.**
- **AD-02-08 CPAC recommended approval. The Chairman LaTrecia Baker declared a conflict and stepped down from the chair for this vote.**
- **AD-02-05 CPAC recommended approval.**

The next Governmental Affairs Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2002.

- **Education Subcommittee**

Dr. Barbara Darby requested CPAC support with the Children's Commission Grant Application for the Summer Youth Academy.

- **Children Commission Subcommittee**

Dot Mathias stated no report, yielded to Matt Thompson.

- **Beautification Subcommittee**

Jack Stuart reported that "City Council passed Capper and Campus Road Beautification Project. Now all we have to do is get the landscaping done". Roland Biederer asked, "How are we going to help the young people manage their trash?" Members agreed that the young people need trash awareness. A decision was made to ask Parks and Recreation Dept. whether they would put up signage in the park encouraging people to put trash in can.

Special Reports

- **Transportation Report**

Richard Berry announced that a meeting would be held regarding the proposed new bridge on Thursday, February 21st from 5 to 7 p.m. at Heckscher Drive Community Club. The viewing will start at 5 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. Mr. Berry copied members on a letter from Marcy Stansbury of the Better Jax Plan regarding the

timetable and capital investment figures for six road projects as well as the expansion of the Highlands Branch Library.

- **Citizen Health Advisory (CHA) Report**

Robert Lee provided members with a written report of the CHA meeting on 2/5/02.

- B. Mayor's Representative Report**

John Crofts reported that Denise Bunningworth of Transportation Division was evaluating the Harts Road RFP as of last week. He also informed members that the City tightened up security so now everyone is required to have a picture ID to have access to city hall employees.

- D. Council Member's Report**

Councilman Warren Alvarez reported that the city passed a \$94 million bond issue where each CPAC would have \$2 million to administer in neighborhood programs, must be 501C3 or partner with someone who has their 501C3 status to receive the money. He also stated that City Council discussed the moving of the wall and for now the Memorial Wall at the Coliseum will stay where it is. Councilman Alvarez took questions from the floor. He discussed the sales tax revenue and said that it would affect the Better Jax Plan. He also answered questions regarding park improvements.

- E. Staff Reports**

- **Crime Report**

Lieutenant Carlton Frankwell introduced himself and stated that he was just recently transferred from Zone 5 and was sitting in for Asst. Chief Weintraub. He also informed members that Lieutenant Snow retired. Lieutenant Frankwell gave a report on the crime rate in the north district. Reportedly, violent crime is down 5.7%, burglary is up 13.8% and vehicle theft was up 6.1% mainly from people leaving their keys in the vehicle.

- **Building Inspection Division**

Janet Linsenbigler, Land Inspector, made a presentation on Landscaping along 9A.

- **Property Safety Division**

No report

- **Duval County School Board**

No report

- **Planning & Development Department**

Doug McDowell reported that he now works with the Southeast CPAC but his focus is on the North District. He also gave an update on the North Jax Vision and Master Plan. Reportedly, "interviews are going on in the area. A steering committee will be organized in March. You may or may not get an invitation. Consultants are working on a survey that will come out in March and the Public meetings will start in April".

- **Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)**

Milton Locklear provided an update on FDOT projects on Heckscher Drive, which includes replacing low level bridge, repairing the piers at the end of the year, resurfacing from Blunt Island to the Ferry Slip and upgrading traffic signals. Mr. Locklear acknowledged Northlake Neighborhood issues and he asked Susan Ruffin if he could discuss the noise issue after the meeting. It was motioned and seconded for Harry Wagner to write letter to FDOT regarding the need for lighting at the large intersection of 295 and 95. Pastor Eugene Johnson reported to Milton Locklear that the street between Dunn and Broward Rd was breaking up again.

- **Duval County Health Department**

Jocelyn Turner announced that February 10th – 16th was Child Passenger Safety Week. For more information on the Car Seat Program call 630-3344. Ms. Turner also informed member of a prescription coverage opportunity not related to the Health Dept. For more information call 1 888 419-3456.

- **Neighborhood Services Division**

Karen Blutcher reminded and encouraged members to attend the CPAC Training, Feb. 22nd at City Hall from 12 to 2 p.m.

AGENDA V – Presentations

- **Matt Thompson, Program Associate, Jacksonville Children’s Commission presented the New Ways Initiative CPAC Grant (Deadline March 11th).** **Dot Mathias** introduced the subcommittee members and said they will meet as soon as the applications comes in. Ms. Mathias also offered to meet with organizations and provide technical assistance with the application process.

- **Shirley Dasher, Executive Director, JaxPride presented JaxPride Week 2002.**

- **Public Comments**

None

AGENDA VI - New Business

- **The Chairman** asked members for things important to them to relay to the Mayor at the quarterly Meeting with CPAC Chair’s. The Chairman announced that Oceanway Community Center was sponsoring a Safety and Security Workshop for seniors on 2/26, with free lunch, RSVP at 630-7392. The Chairman also informed members that Andrea Smith, Primary and Bryant Smith, Alternate from Cambridge Estates Homeowners Association was appointed to serve on CPAC.
- **Tom Ruffin** of Northlakes Homeowners Association asked CPAC support for a Sound Barrier along 295 between Duval and Lem Turner. Milton Locklear asked Mr. Ruffin if he could wait until FDOT consults with an environmental engineer to check out the area. Reportedly, “295 will expand to 6 lanes in the near future and FDOT may have to work with the developer”.

AGENDA ITEM VII – Adjournment

The next CPAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2002 @ 4 p.m., FCCJ, North Campus, 4501 Capper Road, Room C-136.